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Lost in transition

Student employees at Terrace find troubles as new operator takes over

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Since Aramark took control of the operations of the Terrace food court at Wilfrid Laurier University in June, their transition into that new role, which was previously held by the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU), hasn't necessarily been smooth. Discussed at the last WLUSU board of directors meeting on Oct. 6, many student workers — mainly those who worked at the Terrace in the past — are unsatisfied with the management of Aramark and the possibility of a workers union has now emerged.

Nick Gibson, president and CEO of WLUSU, has noted that many of these challenges have been a result of poor communication, something he is confident will be improved.

According to Gibson this issue,

along with some others, has to do with the enormous task that comes along with this recent transition.

"There definitely have been some challenges. And I think the biggest thing for those employees is simply that this is a big new change," said Gibson.

Aramark has chosen not to respond to any questions and has allowed WLUSU to speak on their behalf.

Some of these changes that many employees have been experiencing is because of the different approach Aramark has when it comes to operating a food court.

"It's a totally new operator, new procedures, new ways of doing things. And for someone who got used to one way of doing things, it's a huge thing to transition into," continued Gibson. "Ultimately, that process is not always particularly smooth."

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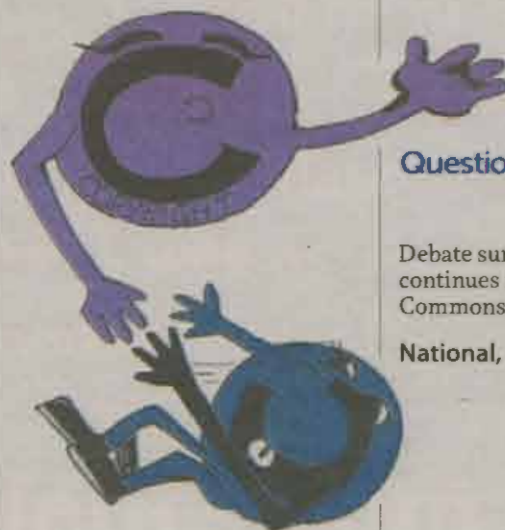
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The only limits of a newspaper are those of the world around it, and so The Cord will attempt to cover its world with a special focus on Wilfrid Laurier University, and the community of Kitchener-Waterloo, and with a special ear to the concerns of the students of Wilfrid Laurier University. Ultimately, The Cord will be bound by neither philosophy nor geography in its mandate.

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The Cord will always attempt to do what is right, with fear of neither repercussions, nor retaliation. The purpose of the student press is to act as an agent of social awareness, and so shall conduct the affairs of our newspaper.

Quote of the week:
"I am a walking stereotype."
—Justin Fauteux, News Director, on liking sports and Ikea.

This Week in quotes

"That's just a way of saying people weren't interested. People didn't give a shit."

—Laurier political science professor Barry Kay, regarding voter fatigue in the provincial election

"I saw the ball in the air and I was just drooling."
—Football Hawks' rookie Karsten Beney on describing his first touchdown Thursday against Waterloo.

"I think we have to understand that having a BA now is not a bonus, it's the required minimum for our job market."
—Justin Trudeau, Liberal MP for Papineau, addressing Laurier students on campus last Wednesday

"Even my granddaughter says, politics is about the future. She's only nine and she's got it figured out."
—University of Waterloo professor emeritus Peter Woolstencroft on young people's attitude towards politics

"It's like gold."
—Gary Nower, assistant vice president of physical resources regarding finding parking at Laurier

Bag O' Crime

Theft Under \$5,000

Location: Residence
Reported: Oct. 3 at 4:25 p.m.
Residence staff reported that sometime between 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 30 and 7 a.m. on Oct. 2 person(s) unknown removed the "house phone" from the wall in the south lobby of a residence. Camera footage of the area was reviewed but the area where the phone was located is blocked from view. No suspects.

Assault

Location: Residence
Reported: Oct. 3 at 4:25 p.m.
Special Constable Services received a report from residence staff that an unidentified male threw a water balloon at a duty don inside the front entrance to a residence and then fled. Video footage was reviewed with negative results. There is no suspect description.

Fraud

Location: Residence
Reported: Oct. 3 at 3 p.m.
Special Constable Services received a report from residence staff that someone had signed for a parcel delivery from Purolator but that the

person expecting the parcel had not received it. The person whose name was signed denies signing for the parcel. Video footage of the main entrance will be reviewed. Investigation continues.

Graffiti

Location: Library
Reported: Oct. 3 at 5:50 p.m.
A custodian at the library reported graffiti in the men's washroom on the fifth floor. The graffiti consisted of the drawing of a head with the caption "Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they aren't after you." There are no suspects. Physical Resources was contacted to remove the graffiti.

Disturbance

Location: Northdale Campus
Reported: Oct. 3 at 9:19 p.m.
Special Constables and a regional police officer responded to the area at the rear of Northdale Campus in response to a report from a concerned citizen about a male being put inside a garbage dumpster. The matter will be brought to the attention of the dean of students.

Intoxicated Person

Location: Residence
Reported: Oct. 1 at 11:58 a.m.
Special Constables and EMS attended at a residence in response to a report of an extremely intoxicated male in one of the units. On arrival the student was found lying in his own vomit in the washroom and was unconscious. He was subsequently taken to Grand River Hospital by ambulance for further treatment. A Provincial Offence Notice was issued for minor consumption.

Intoxicated Person

Location: Residence
Reported: Sept. 30 at 11:26 p.m.
While on patrol a Special Constable observed an intoxicated female being carried by two males who were attempting to enter a residence. They said they were looking for a washroom. There was another male and female also in attendance. They were University of Waterloo students accompanied by a male WLU student.

The female had a lump on her head and was bleeding from the upper lip. She was subsequently transported to hospital by EMS.

Vocal Cord

What's your favourite thing about Oktoberfest?



"I don't know much about it actually."
—Arham Naqi
First-year economics



"Drinking."
—Duska Males
Third-year chemistry



"Probably getting wasted."
—Diana Pham
Second-year business



"I saw the parade on TV. What are those German mug things with the tops? There was one float in there that had that, that was pretty awesome."
—Travis Smalley
Third-year music



"It gets everyone in a good mood for sure. The beer helps and the food helps and it seems like everyone just enjoys this time of year so much more."
—Drew Chester
Second-year history

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Voter turnout hits all-time low



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Students line up to vote in the Concourse at Wilfrid Laurier University. The on-campus polls saw about 450 students show up to cast their ballots on election day.

Low participation: a continuing trend

JUSTIN FAUTEUX
NEWS DIRECTOR

Amid a campaign that was deemed by most to be uneventful and unmemorable, there was one thing that made Oct. 6's provincial election historic. The record low in voter turnout.

Only 49.2 per cent of Ontarians who were eligible to vote cast their ballot, marking the first time in the province's history that less than 50 per cent of the voting population decided the election's outcome. The Ontario Liberal party won 53 seats, one shy of a majority government, with support from just 18.4 per cent of the total number of eligible voters in the province.

The turnout of this election continues a downward trend in Ontario's recent elections as the previous record low came in 2007, the last time the province went to the polls, when only 52.8 per cent of voters participated.

"It was a lack of excitement," said Wilfrid Laurier University professor of political science Barry Kay on the all-time low in voter turnout.

"The [party] leaders are the ones who basically set the tone and set the policies, but I don't want to say that it was just them to blame... There were not policy alternatives between the parties that really distinguished them that people in large numbers could really relate to."

With this election following May's federal election so closely, a term that was thrown around frequently in the lead up to Oct. 6 was 'voter fatigue.'

This is the belief that with two — and for a large portion of the province three, including last October's municipal vote — the voters were overwhelmed with politics and therefore decided not to participate in last week's provincial election.

However, according to Kay, it's much more simple.

"That's just a way of saying people weren't interested," he said when asked about 'voter fatigue.'

"We can be judgmental about the fact and say 'isn't it too bad' but I wasn't surprised. I thought turnout was going to be down just because there was nothing that

was exciting people."

According to many experts, the most disturbing trend to come out of this election's low voter turnout was the continued lack of engagement of younger people.

"Young people are not voting. They're not paying attention, there's a general problem with what we call disengagement," said Peter Woolstencroft, a professor emeritus of political science from the University of Waterloo.

"There's lots of reasons for it and it's not particular to Ontario or Canada, it's happening around the liberal democratic world. I think the most compelling explanation is that young people have not been exposed to the importance of citizenship, the idea of being involved in the political life of your community."

In Woolstencroft's eyes, democratic participation is something that should be instilled in children from a young age.

"It should be happening in elementary and high school," he said. "I think the primary problem lies in the schools, they're not addressing the importance of being a citizen."

Woolstencroft noted that a possible solution is to move to a mandatory voting system, like the one that exists in Australia. Since 1924, it has been compulsory for all Australian citizens over 18 to vote in state and national elections.

"I'm a believer in compulsory voting," said Woolstencroft.

"I think we have to say to citizens, 'you don't have the right to refuse to be on a jury, you don't have a right to refuse to vote,' unless you have strong religious reasons."

Kay meanwhile, opposed instituting compulsory voting, however said that one thing that can get people involved in an election are compelling candidates.

"There was a break in the trend, Obama's election in '08 was a tick up," he said.

"It was successful because he was bringing people out to the polls who perhaps didn't vote in elections before. So an exciting candidate or a certain issue can make a difference but this time in Ontario we just didn't have that."

On-campus polls bring strong results

JACQUELINE SALOME
STAFF WRITER

On Thursday Oct. 6, Wilfrid Laurier University students went to the polls for the third time this year. This time around, to cast their ballot in the Ontario provincial election.

With Canadian voter turnout on the decline, especially among youth, the Wilfrid Laurier Students' Union (WLUSU) felt it was particularly important to motivate the student vote on campus.

WLUSU worked with Elections Ontario to provide students with information on the mechanics of voting and inform them of their options.

"It was a two-pronged approach that we were going for," said Sean Madden, vice president university affairs and president of Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance.

WLUSU hosted an on-campus leader's debate, attended by the four major parties and shaped by student questions. Cross-platform comparisons were published on the WLUSU social networking website, as well as handed out to students on campus.

Arrangements were made between WLUSU and Elections Ontario to easily facilitate voting for students living in residence, and an online proof of residence form was offered for students living off campus. The WLU Young Liberals took part in the election efforts by means of literature drops and bringing Kitchener-Waterloo MPP candidate Eric Davis to campus for canvassing.

"One of Eric's best polls was around the campuses, and I think that's because he put the time and effort into speaking to the students. That's something that not a lot of politicians do," said Drew Redden, president of WLU Young Liberals.

Advance polls held on campus generated a turnout of almost 400 students, while election day polls garnered roughly 450 students, Madden estimates.

"Polls on a whole were busier even though every indication says voter turnout across the province went down," said Madden.

Despite the efforts made at WLU, voter turnout across the province hit an all-time low, with only 49.2 per cent of eligible

voters casting their ballot. Specific statistics on youth voter turnout have not yet been released.

Geoff Stevens, political science professor at WLU, speculates that electors may be experiencing fatigue with their third election of the year. He suggests that neither the issues at hand nor the candidates captured public interest or attention, all of which may be a cause of the low turnout.

"Nobody had any charisma and there was no excitement. God knows leaders running in Ontario make Stephen Harper look exciting, which takes some doing," said Stevens.

Stevens suspects that youth turnout will mirror that of the rest of the province, in spite of the parties' attempts to engage youth by means of policy platforms targeting the cost of post-secondary education.

"It's a big risk to target your biggest policy at a group of the population that doesn't have a great electoral record for voting," said Redden.

When asked about the provincial election, WLU students had many reasons that barred them from the polls, ranging from apathy to structural barriers.

"I had a lot of class that day so I didn't have time. I wasn't registered and it looked like there was too much to worry about to register, so I just didn't worry about it," said Brandon Wellwood, a second-year geography student.

"I didn't have a proof of address," said Jennifer Wu, a third-year music major.

"I find that my vote would be pretty useless. I don't know enough about it and would just be voting based on pretty colours," said Ben Fridrich, second-year geography student. Some others, such as Diana Cappa, a fourth-year global studies student, did however make a conscious effort to cast their vote.

"It's our civic responsibility. Look at Syria and Libya right now, there are people dying for that vote and we're just walking all over that," said Cappa. Though it seems that the movement at WLU was generally successful, the overall provincial turnout puts that into perspective. Stevens suggested that a rise in voter turnout will be unlikely in the coming years unless the system shifts online.

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Communication highlighted as a major concern



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Spring Rolls Go has yet to employ any students from Laurier.

75%

The percentage of employees that should be students.

10 years

How long the contract is between WLUSU and Aramark.

25 cents

Promised raise by WLUSU for employees who transferred under Aramark.

—cover

Drew Swartman, a fifth-year student at Laurier, used to be an assistant student manager at Pizza Pizza, but quit because of his dissatisfaction with the new management and his new position as lead hand.

"Everything literally was changed," he said. "One of our main good points about Pizza Pizza before the changes was that our service was really quick. We were fast, faster than any other business. They came in and told us, 'This is going to be quicker; this is going to work better.' Immediately I was thinking, 'This isn't going to work very well.'"

Swartman now works at the University of Waterloo under former Terrace manager, Rob Sexton. "When [Sexton] got 'let go' he was hired on at UW, and now I'm working with him. Management was fine before [the transition]."

Communication breakdown

One of the major concerns of both WLUSU and the student workers at Terrace is the communication between employees and Aramark and, more specifically, the quality of that communication.

"Everyone that has been involved in this process will admit some communication challenges," added Gibson.

"They've [Terrace employees] been saying that communication has been the biggest thing."

"So that's what they're looking at right now, just improving that communication," he said.

In quicker-paced environments such as a food court, clear communication can be lost for the employees, especially if they were used to a certain way of working.

"That communication is inevitably going to break down, no matter how complex or how elaborate your food operation is, there's always going to be a communication breakdown," added Gibson. "So that sort of perpetuates that sort of problem that communication is always an issue."

Union possibility

With communication issues between employees, managers and Aramark staff, some of the Terrace employees have chosen to apply to become a union.

Although the process is in the early stages, the prospects of a union seem possible.

William's employee Jessica Bozzato seemed positive about the possible outcome. "I know as far as Aramark goes, I believe a lot of their employees in other places are unionized as well, so I feel like they know how deal with unions," she said.

The Aramark employees that work in the dining hall are unionized and receive substantially more pay than workers at the Terrace. Bozzato clarified the discrepancy. "I know that [dining hall] employees are under a union— and they have been for quite some time. I feel like they've had that time to negotiate their wages."

Overall the process has been slow. "There hasn't been much talk about a [Terrace employees'] union lately," Bozzato said. "We had an info session [for Terrace employees] and as far as what is going on with that we haven't heard much. They have ideas as to what they want to do with it but as far as going through with it nobody knows."

Swartman was vocal in his support in the unionization of Terrace workers. "I hope for the best for them," he said.

"I mean it's going to be a long process to get it done ... it's going to be a long and bumpy road."

WLUSU general manager Michael McMahon instead kept neutral on their former employees forming a union.

He said, "With the employees right to choose to unionize, that's not for WLUSU to support or speak against an union. It's entirely up to employees who are considering that for themselves."

Structural changes

While not all jobs were guaranteed in the handover of the Terrace to Aramark, WLUSU's policy when operating the Terrace in the past, and the policy that they insisted Aramark upkeep, has been that 75 per cent of the overall workers in the Terrace food court be students.

However, WLUSU has yet to do a check on whether or not that is true, but they remain "confident" that Aramark is doing that.

"We're giving them some time to lay out and actually transition themselves," added Gibson. "The process was understood that a lot of the strong leaders we had in the food court would get equivalent positions in Aramark operations, simply because they were best for the job."

However, Spring Rolls Go, which opened two weeks ago, has yet to see the presence of student employees. According to Gibson, the nature of the establishment may result in less student workers.

"Spring Rolls is a totally new operation so that they didn't have anyone trained here. You need to open it with workers that aren't students," he explained, noting that Aramark's expectation is that fewer student employees will be working at Spring Rolls Go.

"It's very high paced, it's very go, go, go. More so than a typical food service operation. It takes a little while for that to transition."

Aramark made any student who was an assistant student manager under WLUSU a "lead hand" and implemented additional manager positions for the Terrace as a whole.

"Now, there [are] seven or eight people above my old position. I went from having one boss to having seven," explained Swartman.

He also noted how his given position of lead hand seemed lower than his original promised position of assistant manager.

Both Gibson and McMahon asserted that students are not being paid less than they were last year.

They claimed that the 25-cent increase promised to employees transferring under the new management was given.

WLUSU added that food prices have not been changed since last year because they insisted that Aramark not alter them for one year.

Assessing Aramark

Since opening, there has only been one incident reported from Spring Rolls Go.

When Spring Rolls Go had its opening, Waterloo Public Health noticed food safety violations, but all were corrected the following day.

On whether or not WLUSU is making or losing money on this transition with Aramark, Gibson and McMahon stated they could not reveal such information, but Gibson did say it doesn't "compromise" other WLUSU services.

Overall, Gibson and McMahon believe that the transitions have been relatively smooth, but there's always room for improvement.

"They haven't been terrible, they haven't been negligent, it's just that it is a really tough project," said Gibson.

"It takes awhile, this is not something where we can just grade them now, you need to grade them moving forward."

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Laurier in brief

Health Services director lost to cancer

On Oct. 5, Laurier lost the director of Health Services, Dr. James (Jim) Hicks, after a long battle with cancer. Laurier's first and only Health Services director, Dr. Hicks served and supported students for 39 years. "His genuine, heartfelt empathy, concern and meaningful support for student development and well-being was extraordinary," said David McMurray, vice president: student affairs, in a statement. Those who wish to honour Dr. Hicks's life are invited to join a Celebration of Life service at Laurier's Waterloo campus Sunday, Oct. 16.

— Compiled Francesca Handy

Boxer Lennox Lewis to receive honorary degree

Wilfrid Laurier University will grant world-renowned boxing champion and charity worker Lennox Lewis an honorary doctor of laws degree at the university's fall convocation Oct. 28. Lewis was described by former world heavyweight champion, George Foreman, as the "greatest heavyweight boxer of all time."

The ceremony will be hosted by new WLU Chancellor Michael Lee-Chin, and will involve approximately 1,150 graduating students.

— Compiled Francesca Handy

Sir Wilfrid Laurier statue selected

Wilfrid Laurier University is in the process of fundraising for a new statue of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which will be unveiled on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. in the Fred Nichols Campus Centre Quad. The statue was created by Canadian artist Marlene Hilton Moore, from five proposals.

Over \$30,000 has been raised for the statue and donations will continue to be accepted until Dec. 31, 2011.

— Compiled Francesca Handy

Virgin Mobile holds competition for campus clubs

Virgin Mobile is on the hunt for the best club or team on campus and they are awarding them with \$50,000 in cash and prizes. Laurier clubs that are already involved include Laurier Marketing Association, Laurier Musical Theatre and Agents of Awesome. The teams will participate in a three-step process, consisting of a vote for the best on-line profile, an 'On The House Campus Race' and finally the winners will be awarded based on their performance in the race. To learn more about how to get involved visit virginmobile.campusperks.ca.

— Compiled Francesca Handy

Former Laurier prof headed to Queen's Park

Last Thursday's provincial election saw former WLU professor Rob Leone elected as the member of provincial parliament in the riding of Cambridge/North Dumfries. Leone, a Progressive Conservative candidate, was an assistant professor of leadership and journalism at Laurier Brantford.

Leone received 15,941 votes, winning the riding by 2,023, beating out Liberal Kathryn McGarry. Though Leone will be a new MPP, his party will remain in power in Cambridge/North Dumfries as PC incumbent Gerry Martyniuk retired.

— Compiled Justin Fauteux

Research profile: Eileen Wood



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Eileen Wood is researching the privacy and disclosure of Facebook.

JUSTIN FAUTEUX NEWS DIRECTOR

Almost anyone who's spent an entire lecture looking at Facebook will justify doing so with one simple excuse: 'I'm good at multitasking.'

But according to the research of Eileen Wood, a professor of psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University, multitasking — at least when it comes to checking Facebook in class — is something most students don't do well.

"A large number of people think they can multitask, but they can't," said Wood, who has been at WLU for over 20 years. "They can't do it when they're driving and they can't do it when they're trying to learn either."

Recently Wood conducted research along with graduate student Lucia Zivcakova that looked at whether or not students actually were able to absorb material being taught while using technology such as Facebook and texting in class. The study took place in one of Wood's research methods classes at Laurier and had one group of students use technology for distractions such as Facebook, email and texting, one group use computers just for note taking and another take notes using paper and pencil.

"After each class we had a multiple choice test [on lecture material] and lo and behold, it's not good to multitask," said Wood. "The only thing that showed any difference was whether or not [students] multitasked ... they just didn't do well compared to the people who were just taking paper and pencil notes ... when you do things just for entertainment, just a little distraction here and there, it doesn't seem to be a little distraction at all, it seems to be a huge distraction and that was the first time we're able to quantify that."

However, that's not the only time Facebook has popped up in Wood's research.

Currently, she, along with a group of grad students, are studying how much information Facebook users disclose in relation to how heavily they protect their online privacy.

After looking at 400 randomly selected Facebook profiles and finding that many were vulnerable to identity threats — both in terms of identity theft and things like users letting potential thieves know when they'll be on vacation — Wood and her research team began looking into what might make people either be more careful about the information they post or increase their security settings.

In the study, the team gave participants who were making Facebook accounts warnings about posting personal information that included a story of someone getting stalked and standard legal information on the availability of this information.

"When we gave disclosure information, [participants tended] to disclose less, but you don't do anything about privacy. Nothing at all," said Wood.

"So then what we did was we built in a workshop on how to use privacy settings. When we did that, the first set of analyses suggested that they just increased the use of privacy settings; it had no impact on disclosure."

That was unusual because we thought those things would be related, you'd think what you want to keep private and what you want to disclose would be similar but they're not."

In addition, Wood is currently researching introducing Facebook to senior citizens and how they handle privacy settings and revealing information. She also does research on the use of technology in the education of young children.

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Accommodating the St. Mike's demolition

The construction of the GIE building results in changes for classes, parking

SPENCER DUNN
CORD NEWS

For the better part of the school year, Wilfrid Laurier University's St. Michael's campus has been surrounded by a purple fence.

This fence marks the beginning of the university's plan to demolish the building in the coming weeks.

This major construction is all part of the physical resources department's 'Campus Master Plan'.

The demolition of the St. Michael's building, which will make room for the addition of the Global Innovation Exchange building, is all part of phase one of the plan.

The Master Plan itself is a major construction initiative set out for both Laurier's Waterloo campus and its Brantford counterpart. This plan dictates the university's construction projects for the next 25 years.

As most already know, parking at Laurier can be a hassle, and as Gary Nower, assistant vice president of physical resources said, "It's like gold."

Parking will become scarcer when the full construction takes place. Right now, with the demolition hoarders up — the purple plywood — about 12 parking spots have been lost.

When full production begins in August of 2012, the entire back parking lot will be taken over by construction.

This inconvenience will trouble students and staff alike. Parking is a major issue, especially with upper

year students.

"That is an issue," said Nower. "However, a new parking lot was just built by Northdale campus [on Hickory Street] we are also constructing more parking there [Northdale] to accommodate for spaces we're going to lose during construction."

The demolition of St. Mike's has also meant scattering classrooms and finding different places for tutorials.

"Clearly we had to find a place for all the classes and tutorials," said Nower, "Which have all been accommodated on the main campus, as I understand through the registrars' office."

The tutorials may have found homes, but this shifting of classrooms means that more classes had to be scheduled on Fridays to accommodate for the lack of classroom space.

It's not all bad news.

Once the building is complete the back lot will be opened back up and 199 new parking spots will be ready for use underneath the new building.

"So our strategy is to try and put parking underground, we have a master plan that talks about underground parking, also moving parking to the perimeter to make more rooms for things that are important for you, like classrooms and labs, and social spaces," said Nower.

More information on the Master Plan is available on the Laurier website.



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Justin Trudeau, MP of Papineau, speaks to students about getting involved in politics and world issues.

'Make yourselves heard'

ELIZABETH BATE
STAFF WRITER

Continuing on a cross-country tour of colleges, universities and high schools, Liberal MP for Papineau, Quebec Justin Trudeau visited Wilfrid Laurier University Wednesday afternoon after a morning stop at the University of Western Ontario in London. Dressed more like a student than a politician, the charismatic son of Canada's 15th prime minister spoke to students about the importance of political activism in young people.

Not wanting to make a typical political 'stump speech,' Trudeau instead focused on wider issues, encouraging students to take a stand against climate change and poverty among other humanitarian causes.

"For me it's important that we tackle head-on the kind of cynicism, the kind of disengagement and the kind of polarization that we're dealing with in politics right now," said Trudeau. "We need to be better politicians, we need to be better citizens."

Speaking to a standing-room only crowd in the Student Leadership

Centre, Trudeau told youth to find a cause they are passionate about and work to give it a voice.

Trudeau told students he wasn't here to tell them to vote, although he'd like them to. Instead, he insisted students should work through volunteerism to give themselves a voice. "You need to make yourselves heard," he said.

Criticizing the pervasive attitude that young people have no interest or stake in politics, Trudeau said students were at the perfect age to get involved because they are all idealists.

"We have to be bold about changing the world. We have to be idealistic about the world we want to build," he said.

Taking questions from the audience, Trudeau said he would not be running for the Liberal Party of Canada leadership beginning in 2012 and will instead focus on being a "good dad" to his two young children.

He did not specifically endorse a candidate for the leadership of the party, preferring to focus on more general social issues, but called interim leader Bob Rae very capable.

Speaking about the increasing debt load and lack of jobs for university grads, the post-secondary critic said government needed to respect the changing place post-secondary education has in society and give more generously to reduce the burden on students.

"I think we have to understand that having a BA now is not a bonus, it's the required minimum for our job market," he said.

President of the Young Liberals at WLU Drew Redden was excited to host Trudeau for lunch with the group as well as the talk.

"He's extremely supportive of young people," Redden said. "Young people aren't the most engaged and I think it's really important that (politicians) take a level of responsibility too and reach out and help us get engaged."

Battling against apathy, Trudeau said it was up to young people to help get everyone, from every political stripe, engaged in making the country better.

"The biggest challenge we're facing is how to get people engaged in looking beyond their own noses," he said.

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Keg tapping kicks off Oktoberfest

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CORD NEWS

This past Friday, Oct. 7, Kitchener-Waterloo marked the beginning of its 43rd annual Oktoberfest with its ceremonial keg tapping at Kitchener City Hall.

Incepted on Oct. 14, 1969, Oktoberfest is an event that not only celebrates the region's distinct German heritage; it is an event that brings together people from across North America and beyond.

Although the event was scheduled to begin around noon, people began to arrive as early as 8:30 a.m. Dressed in their traditional German dresses — known as a dirndl — Meghan Hennessey and Nicole Stuber, both former Miss Oktoberfest winners, were on the scene as city hall was being prepared for the keg tapping.

"Oktoberfest to me is about the culture, the food, and the fun. There's so much going on, and it's such a great experience as it really does bring the community together. Actually, Oktoberfest Incorporated is a non-profit organization. Run with over 500 volunteers, those are the people in our community that keep it going," said Hennessey.

While many people attend Oktoberfest to enjoy its many drinking events and festhallen, Stuber wanted to emphasize that Oktoberfest is much more than that.

"There's this stigma surrounding Oktoberfest that it's just a beer festival," she said. "But with over 40 family and cultural events, there's something for everyone."

At around noon, the event began. Hosted by Nancy Richards of the CBC, it featured performances by K-W's Glee, 'Oktoberfest Idol' winners Karli Purcell and Joshua Peidle, the Transylvania Club Dancers and Grammy award winner Walter Ostanek. Speeches were made by city mayors Carl Zehr of Kitchener



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

The first keg of Oktoberfest is officially tapped and Kitchener-Waterloo gets set to celebrate its Bavarian roots in traditional fashion.

and Brenda Halloran of Waterloo, amongst others. Each performance was greeted with applause and cheers from the crowd packed into the event.

Amid the festivities, Constable Tim Peterson was patrolling the area on horseback. He commented on the challenges posed to the police department during Oktoberfest, as well as ways people in the community can stay safe.

"There's just an increased volume of certain types of activities and behaviors. We have an enormous

increase in licensed establishments," Peterson said. "A lot of it is no different than any other time of year. There's a greater potential for people to find themselves in a situation they don't care to. Stay with friends, don't drink and drive. Have a plan."

Not everyone in attendance was there to participate in festivities. Activists from two local groups, the 'K-W collective on Peace and Justice', and the group 'Poverty Makes us Sick' gathered on King Street to voice their concerns on a variety of

issues, including poverty, imperialism, intolerance and Islamophobia.

"The reason we're doing this event today is because it marks the tenth year anniversary of the first bombing in Afghanistan," said protestor Josh Day. "Our rallying cry today is 'peace and prosperity, not war and austerity'. We got a lot of info out today. That's exciting. I think people can still enjoy themselves, and we can still be here in the public space."

Music continued playing as the official keg was brought on stage,

accompanied by the cities' mayors, festival officials, festival mascots Onkel Hans, Ziggy and Zaggy and festival president Vic Degutis, as well as this year's Miss Oktoberfest Brittany Graul. Counting to five in German, the festival president and Miss Oktoberfest tapped the keg, officially beginning Oktoberfest.

For more information regarding KW Oktoberfest news, venues, events, links to the official Oktoberfest Facebook and Twitter pages, and everything Oktoberfest, visit the official website at Oktoberfest.ca.

K-W in brief

More problems for BlackBerry

Waterloo-based, Research In Motion, may suffer due to technical glitches that affected millions of BlackBerry subscribers around the world. As reported by *The Waterloo Region Record*, the glitches impacted access to customer's email, text and internet browsing. Responsible for the service of approximately 70 million blackberry owners, the result of such problems could result in greatly diminished profits.

—Compiled by Francesca Handy

Fire rescue prepared to treat animals

The Lexington Road Animal Hospital recently donated pet oxygen masks to Waterloo Fire Rescue. The oxygen masks are appropriately sized for dogs, cats, ferrets, rabbits, guinea pigs and birds. The Animal Hospital will also provide the fire squad with the necessary initial training.

"Pets are often on the scene in emergency situations and, like humans, they are susceptible to health risks arising from a fire," said Waterloo Fire Rescue deputy fire chief Larry Brassard in a press release. "While our team never hesitates to assist an animal in distress, this donation means that we now have the proper equipment to save a pet's life during an emergency."

—Compiled by Francesca Handy

Oktoberfest recognizes contributions of outstanding women

Eight women who have made outstanding contributions to their community were named Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest Rogers Women of the Year at a ceremony Tuesday night, with successes and awards ranging from arts and culture, community service, health and wellness and lifetime achievement.

—Compiled by Amanda Steiner

Aud expansion raises concerns

Parking seems to be a top concern among people living near the Kitchener Auditorium who attended a public information session Wednesday on the proposed 1,000-seat expansion of the city's flagship arena. According to *The Record*, more than 60 people came out for a look at the plans for the \$9.3-million renovation that could, if given final approval by city councillors next month, begin in February and be finished by the end of next October. However, the main concern among residents is that the expansion will in turn expand traffic times and reduce parking. The Auditorium currently has parking for approximately 1,800 vehicles. Many Rangers fans park on streets around the arena and in some cases illegally, resulting in numerous parking tickets from the city. The expansion causes concern about further limiting parking.

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Sincerely,

Arts admission should be above 80

Dear Life,

I love that many books and quizzes are now offered in electronic format! It gives my spine a break from lugging books around. But Laurier ... you need to step up the wireless coverage so I can actually FLIP THE VIRTUAL PAGES of my eBook. Sincerely, Either increase the bandwidth and add more routers, or somehow cap the Internet usage of each IP address so the idiots wasting the bandwidth with Skype, You Tube, and online games have to go home

Dear Life,

Today I had a report due at the beginning of my lab so I left home half

an hour early hoping to print it off in the library. I went to the main floor and noticed a dozen or so computers free from a distance, as I walked up to each one I angrily shook my fist at the 'out of order' signs. Next was the third floor, fourth, followed by the fifth. All had the same issues, more out of order PCs than working ones. Finally when I had lost all hope I remembered a magical place called the Hub, the one place (along with Starbucks of course) that hadn't been relocated or changed (poor Foot Patrol). Here I had my document printed and was off on my way.

Sincerely,

Can we please stop wasting money on pointless renovations (no we don't need those new chairs in the Concourse!) and get some more working computers and printers on campus?!

Dear Life,

Today I waited in line for Tim Hortons in the science building for half an hour, when I went home I realized they had charged me \$15 instead of \$1.50 for a 12 grain bagel with butter.

Sincerely,

Consumer of the world's most expensive bagel.

Dear Life,

To that guy who walked me home after the bars on homecoming, thanks for not being a creeper. I was having a shitty day and you made my night. Sincerely, A

Dear Life,

What the ... I find a table in the library to work on my seminar. Forty-five minutes later a group of girls come in and sit right beside me and force me to move by speaking loudly and playing You Tube videos for the

rest of the group. I haul my butt up a level. Find a new table. Unpack my things. Now I'm sitting across from girls looking at shoes and discussing what colour they should buy and if they will go with that purse she just bought. Can you chatty-Cathys PLEASE find somewhere new to sit and leave me alone!?

Sincerely,

Go back to the Concourse

Dear Life,

They fixed the door to N1002.

Sincerely,

Starved for entertainment

Dear Life,

Why do girls always seem to lead guys on? Like a roller coaster that doesn't stop or a zig zag line. Girls just tell guys the honest truth. It's not cool to lie.

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Dear Life,

Hey Mr. Chatterbox on Friday's lecture, nobody cares (including the professor) that you ate cantaloup last night and your friend said you were going to die because of listeria. Let's just try to get through this 3 hr. lecture on Friday as fast as possible and not contribute pointless stories. Sincerely, The definition of lecture is "educational talk to an audience." No audience participation needed!

Dear Life,

Someone really needs to inform incoming students that university includes homework, and that you have to work to obtain your degree. So don't whine about doing 3 hours of review/homework for every 1 hour you spend in class. I'd happily take 3 hours over the 14 hours I'm expected to put in for every 1 hour of studio instruction I receive. Would you like to switch? Oh, might affect

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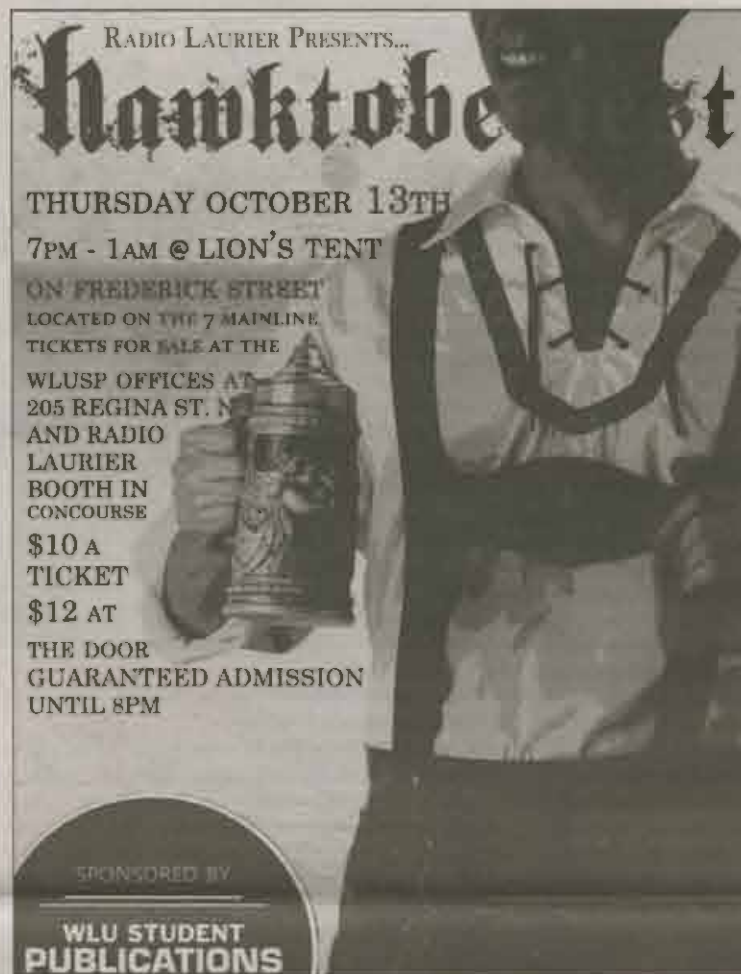
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John Milloy celebrates with his supporters on election night.

Liberal Milloy takes a tight one

JUSTIN FAUTEUX
NEWS DIRECTOR

As many questioned whether or not the Liberal party would win the majority government they were so close to in Oct. 6's provincial election, one of the party's more prominent candidates was waiting to see if he would even be re-elected.

In a result that wasn't announced until 12:21 a.m. — one of the latest in the province — incumbent John Milloy defeated Progressive Conservative Dave MacDonald by just 323 votes in Kitchener Centre, giving the Liberal a third term as the riding's member of provincial parliament (MPP). Milloy was elected with 15,392 votes, while MacDonald picked up 15,069, according to the unofficial results currently available.

"Every election sends a message and it's a lesson. We're going through some pretty turbulent economic times and I think people are concerned," said Milloy of the tight race in his riding. "Every politician knows they're not getting 100 per cent of the vote ... There's people that are sending clear messages about their concerns and we've got to make sure we respond to them."

After winning a relatively close election in his first campaign in 2003, Milloy was re-elected in 2007 in convincing fashion. In that 2007 election, Milloy was sent to Queen's Park with 45.9 per cent of the vote, defeating Progressive Conservative Matt Stanson by nearly 8,000 votes.

In addition to serving two terms as Kitchener Centre's MPP, Milloy has also spent the past four years in the role of minister of training,

colleges and universities. In that time the Liberal government has spent lavishly on post-secondary education, particularly in this region, including this past summer, when Milloy announced that the provincial government would commit \$72.6 million to Wilfrid Laurier University for the planned Global Innovation Exchange building.

"I think we've had some great success and we're going to continue to build on a lot of things we've done when it comes to education," said Milloy of his time as minister of training, colleges and universities. "Most people don't realize that it's not just the colleges and universities where we've had huge success, but it's also the training portion, which is dealing with those who are unemployed."

As far as reprising his old role, or taking on a different one in the new Liberal government, Milloy wasn't making predictions.

"Any assignment of any nature, whether it be cabinet or otherwise is up to the premier, so I'll leave that up to him," he said. "I'm happy to be the MPP for Kitchener Centre and anything beyond that will be the premier's decision."

Milloy's victory in Kitchener Centre marked the only one for the Liberals in Waterloo Region as the other three local ridings went to the Progressive Conservatives. Elizabeth Witmer kept the seat she's held since 1990 in Kitchener-Waterloo, Rob Leone upheld the long-time PC stronghold in Cambridge and Liberal incumbent Leanna Pendergast was defeated by Tory Michael Harris in Kitchener-Conestoga.

Another win for Witmer in Kitchener-Waterloo

Conservative's streak continues after 21 years in office

JUSTIN FAUTEUX
NEWS DIRECTOR

For the sixth time in a row, election night was a night of celebration for Elizabeth Witmer. The Progressive Conservative was re-elected yet again to her long held post of member of provincial parliament (MPP), meaning that her streak of 21 years in office will continue.

Witmer remains the only MPP the riding of Kitchener-Waterloo has ever known. The district was created in 1999 when the ridings were re-done and Witmer has won every election since. Previously, she took a pair of elections in the riding known as Waterloo North, her first win coming in 1990.

"It was fantastic, it is just so exciting, I just had a great team this election," said Witmer on election night. "I've never had so much diversity in my team ... I appreciate the fact that the people came together and it's just so humbling."

Witmer, a political veteran who has held posts such as minister of health, minister of labour and minister of the environment in the Mike Harris government and minister of

education and deputy premier under Ernie Eves, saw a slightly closer election when Ontarians last went to the polls four years ago.

Liberal candidate Eric Davis placed second in the riding with 17,837 votes, giving Witmer the victory by a margin of 5,519. In 2007, Witmer took the election by 4,917.

"We were up against a 21-year incumbent in this riding who was first elected when I was twelve," said Davis, a graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University.

"So I must say we have done an amazing job."

Davis was particularly thankful to the students, which make up such a sizeable part of his riding, considering it contains WLU, the University of Waterloo and Conestoga College.

"I'd like to specifically thank the students," Davis told The Cord.

"I thank all of the students for their outstanding support, and if not to me, then to the democratic process, because I think Laurier students proved that students do come out to vote when you engage with them."

Witmer was also well aware of the fact that her riding contains two

universities and a college. While one of the Liberal party's main platform points was to offer a tuition rebate for families with an income of less than \$160,000, the PCs maintained that the bigger issue was job creation for new grads.

"Obviously they are a little bit concerned about the tuition, certainly some of the funding," said Witmer.

"The biggest issue for them all is, let's make sure we create an environment whereby the private sector could make some jobs."

Placing third in Kitchener-Waterloo was the NDP's Isabel Cisterna. Cisterna, who was a rookie candidate just like Davis, earned 8,259 votes, about 600 fewer than her New Democrat predecessor in the riding Catherin Fife did in the last provincial election.

The Green Party's J.D. McGuire, who previously ran as an independent candidate in 2007, came fourth, while independent Peter Davis and the Freedom Party of Ontario's Melanie Motz finished fifth and sixth respectively.

—With files from Justin Smirlies and Lindsay Purchase

Kitchener-Waterloo riding provincial election results

	Elizabeth Witmer	21,357 (43.4%)	✓
	Eric Davis	17,837 (36.3%)	
	Isabel Cisterna	8,259 (16.8%)	
	J.D. McGuire	1,307 (2.66%)	
	Peter Davis	316 (0.64%)	
	Melanie Motz	124 (0.25%)	

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Group sues over high pollution levels

Aamjiwnaang First Nations Tribe suing Ontario government due to contamination in Chemical Valley

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In what looks like a modern day Erin Brockovich story, Ada Lockridge and Ronald Plain of the Aamjiwnaang First Nations Tribe and Ecojustice are actively suing the Ontario government, director of the ministry of the environment and Suncore for the pollution in Chemical Valley and the negative impact it is having on the lives of the Aamjiwnaang tribe.

Lockridge originally joined an ad hoc environmental committee on the reserve to stop the implementation of what would be the world's largest standing ethanol plant, by

Suncore and the removal of 60 per cent of the area's trees.

When her application to sit on the council was rejected she took matters into her own hands and teamed up with Ecojustice, a Canadian non-profit environmental law firm.

"I thought, 'that's not going to stop me from doing my environmental work'" said Lockridge. "I cannot walk away knowing all the stuff that I know."

Associate professor of psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University Manuel Riemer explained that the reserve lands are located near Chemical Valley, which is just south of Sarnia, Ontario, "The most polluted area in

Canada."

"I've lived here on the reserve pretty much my whole life. Industry has always surrounded us," said Lockridge.

Riemer explained, "The reserve is completely encircled with smoke stacks, you cannot look in any direction and not see one."

This is what prompted Lockridge to get involved. "I always thought that the government was looking out for us. I didn't think people weren't doing things that they weren't allowed to do." For Lockridge, this is about her own individual rights. "Nowhere did I give up the right to breathe in clean air," she

said. "It's our individual rights that we're fighting for but in the long run it's for everyone because I'm not the only one breathing in this air."

The problem of pollution in Chemical Valley is that the government does not consider the cumulative effects of pollution in an area when approving construction of plants. Riemer explained, "They [the government officials] are only looking at one place that isn't polluting above the limit but when you add them up it's way above the limit."

"Industry says they only do what the government tells them to do and the government does what the law tells them to," said Lockridge.

"So we want the law to find ways to reduce this." In the trial Riemer served as an expert witness, evaluating the psychological impact on the community of living so close to the pollution. "There is a psychological impact because of the stress like sirens which go off when there is some sort of release, so there is a constant fear and anxiety," he said.

"This is just another case of environmental injustices where First Nation's communities suffer the most and the rest of us profit from it," concluded Riemer.

Currently, the ministry is collecting counter evidence, which will be presented in December.

New copyright bill may have negative impact

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On Thursday, Sept. 29, Bill C-11 was introduced in the House of Commons, marking the fourth attempt to amend copyright legislation by the Government of Canada. The Copyright Modernization Act seeks to bring copyright law in line with technology, an important task given the vast amount of material available online.

Executive director of Campus Stores Canada, Wayne Amundson believes, however, that it is "the exact same legislation as the last attempt" and will face many of the same challenges as its predecessor, C-32 of June 2010.

Most specifically, he felt that its provisions will have a negative impact on Canadian students, who acquire much of their academic material online.

The Bill claims to offer absolute protection of copyrighted material through "digital locks," while simultaneously offering a "fair dealing exemption" on material acquired for non-infringing purposes.

For Amundson, it's the union of these two provisions that act as a

barrier to progress.

"I think that the absolute protection for digital locks undermine some of the positive steps in the proposed legislation; in particular, the fair dealings exemption for education," he said. "This is an important academic right, and those in an academic institution should be able to use what they need without constant worry of violating copyright laws. However, the digital locks have the potential to remove the fair dealing provision altogether."

"Many fail to address that there is a direct impact on textbook prices as a result of these digital locks," he added.

Under these locks certain materials may be inaccessible, as they will fall under different jurisdictions, blurring the distinction between what is or is not being used for infringement.

Digital locks are not the only aspect that could pose a negative effect on access to materials for students. Brian Henderson, director of WLU Press, noted that the education exemption itself can be problematic for the publishers and creators of materials used in classrooms.

"There are millions and millions of pages that are copied and used for educational purposes every year in the country," he said. "What

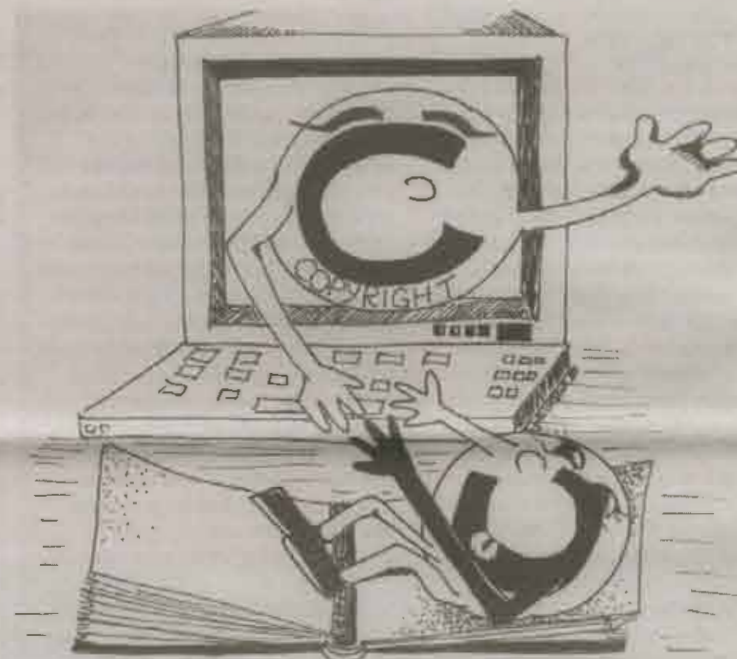
happens is there would be no remuneration back to the rights holder."

Henderson added that the exemption would prevent further publications if writers and creators have no financial incentive to support their efforts when the main market—educational institutions—are exempt from copyright policies or tariffs. "It would impoverish the already narrow margin world of educational and scholarly publishing whose value added transforms raw material into something students can actually make use of," he explained.

The lack of specificity in the education exemption according to Henderson is due to the failure of finding common ground among all the stakeholders, from representatives of the education sector to publishing and writing associations. "It's a question of trying to get the sides to actually talk," he said.

Among the creators, distributors and users of copyright materials, support for Bill C-11 doesn't appear to be mounting.

Reiterating the problems with the provisions against breaking digital locks, Amundson concluded, "The general view within the Campus Store community, is that from a consumer point of view, specifically students, the digital lock provision goes too far. I think that maybe, the



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act would be better received if these were not included."

Looking ahead with similar concerns about the bill's effect on academic publishing, Henderson said, "Somebody is going to be able to fund scholarship and its development and its publication. If we can't collect any compensation by the sale

of it then it's either not going to happen or it's going to have to be funded elsewhere."

"Looking for a business model here is going to be extremely interesting," he added.

Changes have yet to be made, as debate of Bill C-11 continues in the House of Commons.

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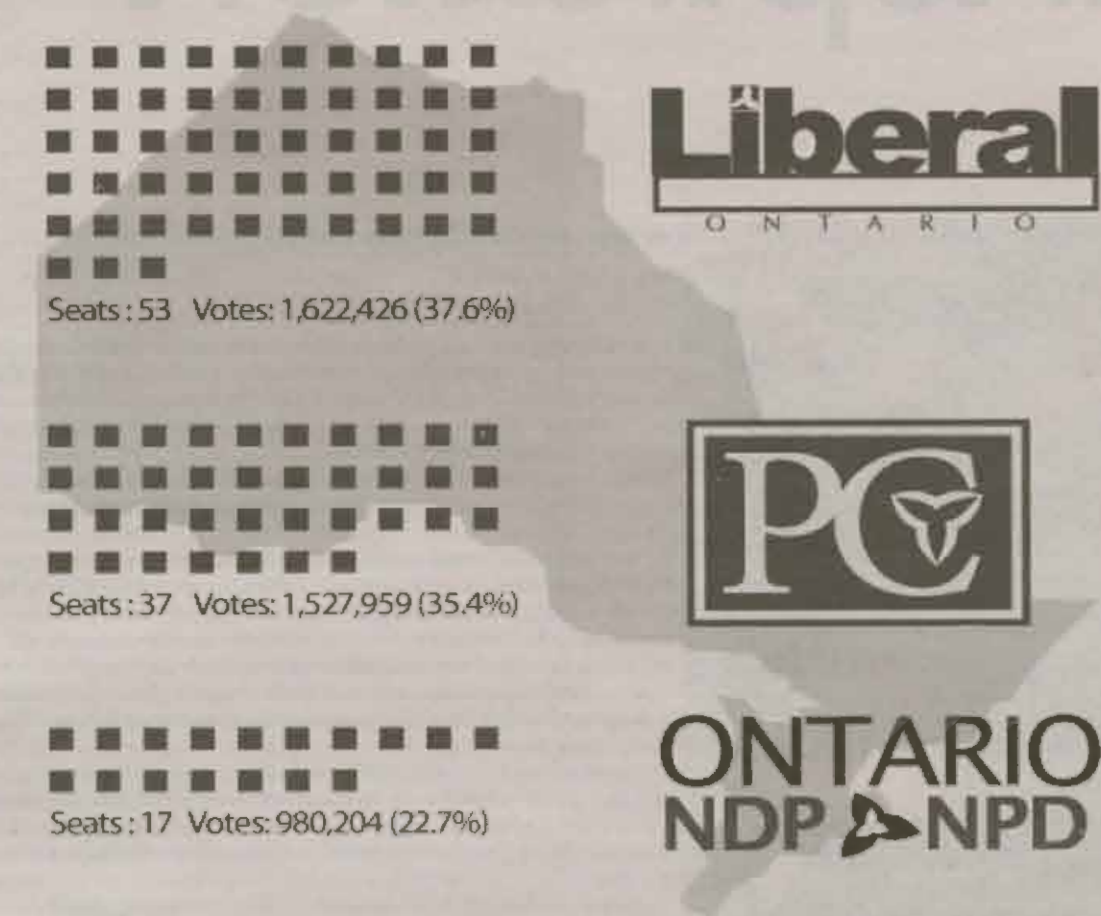
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Review: Mom's Tattoo Shop

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FEATURES EDITOR

When Mom's Tattoo Shop arrived in Waterloo in 2010, I headed in with a friend to check it out and was impressed by the cleanliness of the waiting area and the friendliness of the receptionist. Their prices seemed reasonable. I wasn't yet ready to book an appointment, but I took a card and told myself to consider them in the future.

Being far away from my home shop, I liked the vibe at Mom's and thus made the mistake of not shopping around when it came to my new tattoo in April.

Despite the really awesome reputation that Mom's has garnered over the past few months, I witnessed none of the warmth and hospitality others had boasted. However, in retrospect many of my friends who have praised Mom's had been tattoo virgins with zero outside reference.

My artist, Gord, had zero interest or input in my design, which didn't bother me for this particular design as it was simply a piece of script, but I can't help but feel that he would have gone ahead and done it even if it had been in Comic Sans.

During the work I found the artist to be cold and unresponsive, which is a style that doesn't work for me. Some people need conversation to loosen up, and feeling like you are getting to know your artist is a great relief when tense. He only spoke once or twice to somewhat rudely ask me to move over.

The work was beautiful and done exactly how I wanted it. While the price was completely fair (I would have paid more with my first artist) I was disappointed that tax was not included in my original estimate.

Mom's may be a very "pretty" location, but squeaky-clean floors and an immaculate waiting area are not the be-all and end-all in tattoo shopping. I will not be returning.

Bottom line: Mom's is home to beautiful artwork, but if you're looking for a friendly artist, go somewhere else.

Grade: C+

Review: Tora Tattoo

MATT FESNAK
CONTRIBUTOR

My first experience at Tora Tattoo was also my first experience getting a tattoo. I had quite a few friends who had gotten work done at Tora and felt confident that they would be a good choice.

The desk staff was very kind to me and always remembered me whenever I came in. They also made sure to not make me feel alienated or like a loser because I was new to tattoos. The tattoo shop itself, being a converted home, also felt really inviting and warm.

When it came time to work out my design I had a bit of trouble with my artist Craig. He was initially eager to work with me. However, we had different expectations of each other. I expected Craig to take my design and add something personal to it, assuming that a professional tattoo artist would know what looks good in tattoos better than I would. Craig, however, just wanted to take my drawings and directly translate them into a tattoo.

Though I am happy with what I got, I now know that a bigger and more expensive shop would have done what I wanted, and that's what I did for my second tattoo.

Tora is a very good local shop and is probably more than good enough for most tattoos, but they aren't the kind of shop to create great works of art.

Bottom line: Tora is an inviting and comfortable, but don't expect a lot of artist input.

Grade: A-

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Ra Ra Riot plays Starlight Lounge

The indie-rock fan favourites showcased their own brand of baroque pop on Thursday night in Waterloo, speaking to Cord writer Carly Basch prior to the show about their upcoming tour, and recording plans



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Ra Ra Riot entertains excited fans at Waterloo's Starlight Lounge.

CARLY BASCH
CORD ARTS

To see a band you highly enjoy perform at Waterloo's Starlight is truly a privilege.

The small, dimly-lit Starlight Lounge offers an intimate environment in which audiences feel connected to the performers (and can actually see the band members on stage.)

That is exactly what occurred during the performance of Ra Ra Riot last Wednesday, Oct. 5.

The audience was first entertained by Dinosaur Bones, a Toronto-based band that has been accompanying Ra Ra Riot on their Canadian tour.

Their energetic stage presence broke the ice, getting audience members interested and engaged. Songs like "Royalty" kept the energy live and exciting for the crowd, but when they slowed it down near the end of their set to sing their ballad, "Ice Hotels," the energy in the room became subdued as the crowd swayed to the beautiful tune.

The members of headlining Ra Ra Riot also joined the crowd to enjoy the performance of Dinosaur Bones.

Ra Ra Riot, an indie-rock band hailing from Syracuse, New York, is made up of vocalist Wes Miles, bassist Mathieu Santos, guitarist Milo Bonacci, cellist Alexandra Lawn, violinist Rebecca Zeller and drummer Kenny Bernard.

Ra Ra Riot's performance did not disappoint; immediately after the band took the stage the room erupted into an energetic arena of dancing and shoe tapping.

Each member took advantage of the stage despite its small size, making a spectacle out of the

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different instruments and constantly multitasking.

Cellist Alexandra Lawn and lead singer Wes Miles demonstrated their multitasking excellence as they kept switching instruments during "Too Dramatic" in order to play specific solos and bridges.

The audience could hear every single instrument being played and they all worked together, showcasing the bands mastery of the true art of baroque pop.

Prior to the show, Riot's frontman Wes Miles sat down with The Cord to discuss the upcoming gig.

Although used to performing in small university towns and intimate venues, Wes expressed interest and curiosity at the prospect of playing at Starlight.

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Starlight seemed to live up to the anticipations of Miles and the crowds welcoming reception noticeably boosted their energy onstage.

"I wish I was out there with you guys," a band member proclaimed before their rendition of the song "St. Peter's Day Festival."

Enjoying the liveliness so much, the band briefly stopped to chat amongst themselves and select an

additional song to play.

Moments like these captured the true essence of feeling intimate and connected to performers.

Even when the speakers experienced a technical problem, producing feedback, the band and the crowd shared a laugh and continued to enjoy the performance. When the end of the night arrived, after a full-set and three encores, Miles thanked the crowd by reaching out and high-fiving as many people as he could before the song's end.

As the crowd filtered out, stopping to chat with members from Dinosaur Bones or brag that they got to high-five Wes, we all thought the same thing: they better not give following night's crowd the same loving treatment.

Ra Ra Riot fans have much to look forward to in the new year, prior to their Starlight performance, Miles told the Cord "I think after the tour, starting next early year we'll start to get serious again and start recording some new songs."

The band also appeared for a live performance on *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon* on Oct. 11.

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Arts bites

The latest news in entertainment

"Random Task" allegedly killed cellmate

If you were wondering where the beloved oddjob doppelganger from the first *Austin Powers* film is, he is now suspected of killing his cellmate in a California prison. Joseph Hyungmin Son, 40, who once played the Dr. Evil henchman "Random Task," allegedly killed his sex offender cellmate in a prison north of Los Angeles. The man was found Monday. Son has been serving a life sentence for torturing a woman who had been out walking her dog in Orange County on Christmas Eve, 1990. No murder weapon has been found in the death of the cellmate according to reports, though no shoes are visible in Son's mugshot.

Zombies injured on Toronto film set

The fifth *Resident Evil* installment, *Retribution*, experienced a downfall during production Tuesday as a number of zombies fell off a platform onto the concrete near Kipling and the Queensway. There were no major injuries, though attending paramedics were likely hampered by an inability to determine who was really injured and not a prosthetic corpse as well as an overwhelming fear of having the patients devour one or more of their limbs. The report by the

Ontario Ministry of Labour is likely to show that Mila Jovovich had been crouched under the platform the zombies staggered off, her entrails and svelte leather-clad legs very much intact.

Yanni adopts spawn of semi-famous panda

Remember 'Jingjing', one of the five panda mascots of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics? Of course you do. Remember Yanni, the Greek new age musician who has had more than 35 platinum records? Probably not, but he just adopted the two-month-old offspring of the panda that 'Jingjing' was modeled after. A panda research centre in China gave Yanni the honour, though it normally lets nations adopt pandas, not individuals. Perhaps China decided that Greece had enough on its hands. Yanni is also not Kenny G, though he was mistaken for that saxophone guy initially while writing this brief.

Former Beatle weds two-legged woman

Beloved British musician Sir Paul McCartney wed a 51-year-old New York businesswoman over the weekend, his third marriage. Remember how his last wife only had one leg?

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'The Rad Pack' and the Return of Cool



WADE THOMPSON
VISUAL DIRECTOR

Two years ago, I wrote an article that appeared in The Cord on the extinction of "cool" in Hollywood. I believed that as Paul Newman died, so did the notion of the hip and debonair leading icon, an image that audiences once upon a time strived to emulate.

Today, people prefer to idolize reality stars, scandals and the paparazzi lifestyle rather than talent and mystery à la Old Hollywood. While this way of thinking seems to be the general public consensus, the idea of "cool" being dead may not be as definitive as I once thought.

A very small group of actors are unknowingly bringing the "rad" factor back to celebrity. As once did Paul Newman, Steve McQueen, Cary Grant, Frank Sinatra and the rest of the Rat Pack, a few young members of Hollywood's elite are foregoing the notion that they should care what the public thinks and instead are redefining what it means to be cool.

I have dubbed these actors, "The Rad Pack."

Ryan Gosling is arguably the foremost celebrity in this equation and is the actor that made me first think that I may have been wrong. First, let's look at his track record from the last few years. He delivered an almost Oscar nominated performance in *Lars and the Real Girl* in 2007 and then took three years off. Since his return last year, he has made five movies, keeping the mystery of his celebrity alive and foremost in his career.

With his films this year, Gosling quite literally defined the role of "ladies' man" with *Crazy Stupid Love*, then turned a 360 and solidified a modern day McQueen-esque bad boy by kicking ass in *Drive*. In his third film of the year, *The Ides of March*, fiction mirrors reality, acknowledging Gosling's character as the prominent talent in his field.

This guy, like Newman or Robert Redford, not only chooses roles in which he can showcase his boyish good looks, but also ones that show his talents more than anything else.

A self-diminishing attitude helps gain the affection of an admiring public, and Gosling has that in droves. You can watch any interview in which his "Mickey Mouse Club" days are mentioned or simply check out the Ryan Gosling Feminism meme out there on the inter-highway.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt is another

actor, similar to Gosling, with a place in the "Pack." Go back two years to catch his SNL hosting gig, and you watch a true entertainer at work. His often praised fashion sense, and his general likability put Gordon-Levitt into a class of his own, a guy we respect based on his decisions as an actor and his upbeat public persona.

Still, like Gosling, there is an element of mysticism that he maintains, which only adds to his suavity. The fact that he opened his SNL gig with a re-interpretation of Donald O'Connor's "Make 'em Laugh" says so much of what you need to know about him as a performer.

Don't think though that this "return to cool" is a strictly male affair, though. Future Catwoman Anne Hathaway, despite a rather sordid Oscar hosting gig this past year, remains her cheery self in every aspect of her celebrity persona. In my mind, a sense of humour about your celebrity status demands much more respect than taking yourself too seriously. Yes, she chooses to do a terrible rom-com every once in a while, but if we simply look at the track record of the most beloved icons of yesterday, everyone has their fair share of bombs.

Emma Stone works in a very similar manner and I would also include her in the "Pack."

It seems that "cool" is less about the movies you make and more about the characters you play, on and off screen. If it weren't like that, how would we ever be able to forgive Gene Kelly for *Xanadu*?

Gosling's *Drive* co-star Carey Mulligan is another who has started to gain the respect of the all-seeing, quick-to-judge public. Despite being a hot young thing, Mulligan has made all the right choices for her films, remaining relevant because of her likability and ability to carry herself as an icon that her fans wish to emulate.

Michael Fassbender, Mulligan's co-star in the upcoming *Shame*, demonstrates a talent that almost every fanboy wants to see translated into the next James Bond. The two have almost become synonymously associated with each other and it's all thanks to Fassbender's refined persona.

What all of these actors have in common is their strict ability to handle their celebrity status in a calm and collected manner. They are showing today's audiences that it's not about how much press you can or cannot get, but rather how to carry yourself in a professional and good humoured way. They really are carrying on where the stars of yesterday left off, and for that, I applaud them.

Cool is making a comeback ladies and gentlemen. And The Rad Pack is leading the charge.



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Laurier Free Film Series begins its fourth year

Laurier PhD students Anders Bergstrom and Patrick Faubert have hand picked a diverse range of films for the series, with help from Susan Hroncek. The screenings are free, weekly and open to the public

LIZ SMITH
ARTS EDITOR

A new opportunity for expanding horizons in the arts has arisen at Wilfrid Laurier University.

This fall, from Sept. 22—Nov. 24, Laurier is playing host to the Laurier Free Film Series, now in its fourth consecutive year.

This year's series is organized around the theme "Cinema with a Social Conscience," and involves a free weekly screening of ten films.

The first film screened in the series, *The Battle of Algiers*, is a 1966

war film based on the occurrences during the Algerian war against the French colonial occupation in North Africa, and presents a jarring commentary on the history of guerilla warfare.

Curated by Anders Bergstrom and Patrick Faubert, with help from Susan Hroncek, the series is open to the public and aims to expose film enthusiasts to a culturally and thematically diverse group of films.

Speaking to the Cord, Bergstrom, a PHD student in English and film studies at Wilfrid Laurier explains the process used to select the films

screened in series. "The goal was to come up with some kind of thematic thread that could run through all the films we chose. This allowed us to select films of a wide variety; great films, but also films that are largely under-appreciated."

By selecting films that are largely under-appreciated in the cinematic community, the Laurier Free Film Series exposes students to films which may otherwise always remain beneath their radar.

In order to ensure culturally diversity, the series includes films in the French language (*Z*, 1969),

American films (*Network* 1976, *All The Presidents Men*, 1976), a Scottish film, (*Sweet Sixteen*, 2002), a Romanian film (*The Death of Mr. Lazarescu*, 2005) a French Canadian film (*Les Ordres*, 1974), and a Russian film (*Doctor Zhivago*, 1965).

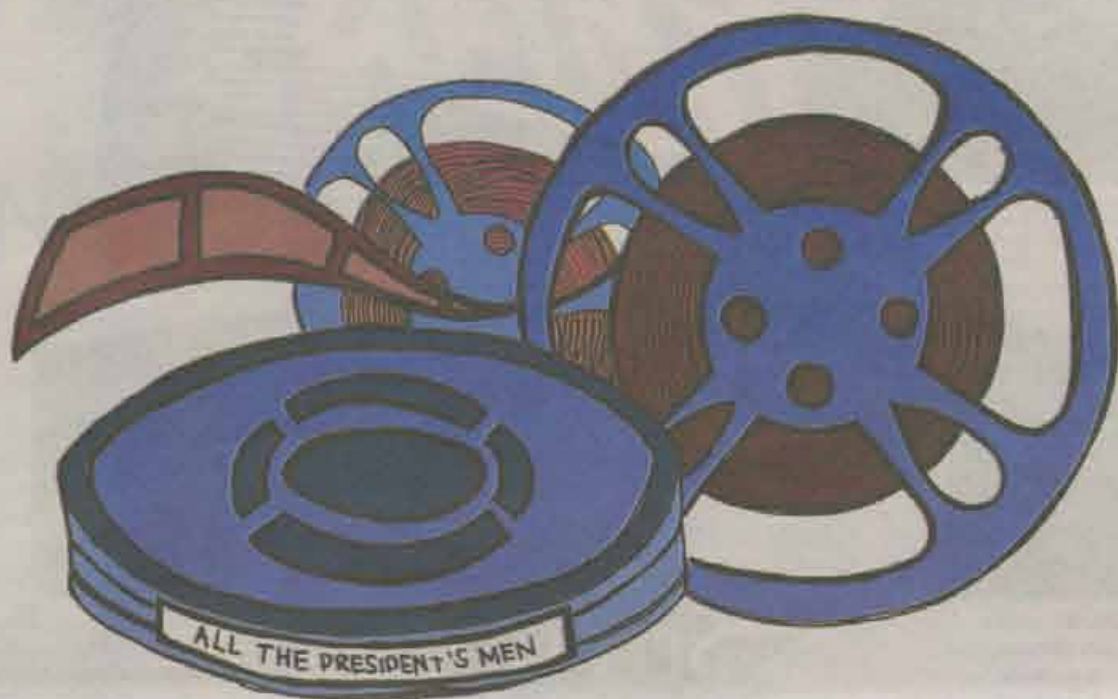
Network, to be screened on Thurs, Oct. 13, is a satirical American film about a fictitious television network, a long time news anchor about to be fired and the stations subsequent struggle with low ratings.

Winning three of the four Academy Awards the film was nominated for in 1977, including a posthumous

Academy Award for Lead Actor Peter Finch, *Network* promises to be an entertaining and worthwhile use of several hours.

Although Nov. 17 film screening is currently listed as "To Be Announced," Bergstrom explained to the Cord that the curators of the series are in the final stages of bringing an affluent film-maker to present the documentary.

Screenings of the Laurier Free Film Series will occur every Thursday until Nov. 24 in BA101 at 7 p.m. and are free to the public.



TAYLOR GAYOWSKY GRAPHICS EDITOR

KWAG wins Exhibition of the Year

Kitchener Waterloo Art Gallery (KWAG) has recently been awarded a great honour when the Ontario Association of Art Galleries awarded KWAG Exhibition of the Year, for artist Ernest Daetwyler's exhibit, "Reality in Reverse (barn raising)" which was on display in 2010.

For his exhibit, Daetwyler dismantled an old barn near his home in Atwood, Ontario, where the Swiss-born artist was raised. Working with a team of Mennonite barn raisers, he used the recovered materials to build an upside-down barn inside KWAG's Eastman Gallery.

When on display, the dismantled barn was the only object in a darkened area of the gallery; the only sounds were the soundtrack

to the barns destruction playing from a distance away.

Daetwyler's multidisciplinary artwork ranges from painting, drawing, and sculpture using natural. His work often focuses on the outdoors, using both man-made and natural elements.

This award promises to benefit the art gallery through added publicity, and KWAG is "thrilled" to share the honour with Ernest Daetwyler.

Deeply rooted in the region, Daetwyler is a director and founding member of CAFKA, the Contemporary Art Forum Kitchener and Area, a biennial exhibition of contemporary art projects in the Kitchener-Waterloo Region.

—Compiled by Liz Smith

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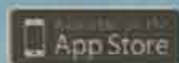
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Arts admission should be above 80

Dear Life,

I love that many books and quizzes are now offered in electronic format! It gives my spine a break from lugging books around. But Laurier ... you need to step up the wireless coverage so I can actually FLIP THE VIRTUAL PAGES of my eBook. Sincerely,
Either increase the bandwidth and add more routers, or somehow cap the Internet usage of each IP address so the idiots wasting the bandwidth with Skype, You Tube, and online games have to go home

Dear Life,

Today I had a report due at the beginning of my lab so I left home half

an hour early hoping to print it off in the library. I went to the main floor and noticed a dozen or so computers free from a distance, as I walked up to each one I angrily shook my fist at the 'out of order' signs. Next was the third floor, fourth, followed by the fifth. All had the same issues, more out of order PCs than working ones. Finally when I had lost all hope I remembered a magical place called the Hub, the one place (along with Starbucks of course) that hadn't been relocated or changed (poor Foot Patrol). Here I had my document printed and was off on my way. Sincerely,

Can we please stop wasting money on pointless renovations (no we don't need those new chairs in the Concourse!) and get some more working computers and printers on campus?!

Dear Life,

Today I waited in line for Tim Hortons in the science building for half an hour, when I went home I realized they had charged me \$15 instead of \$1.50 for a 12 grain bagel with butter. Sincerely,
Consumer of the world's most expensive bagel.

Dear Life,

To that guy who walked me home after the bars on homecoming, thanks for not being a creeper. I was having a shitty day and you made my night. Sincerely,
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Dear Life,

What the ... I find a table in the library to work on my seminar. Forty-five minutes later a group of girls come in and sit right beside me and force me to move by speaking loudly and playing You Tube videos for the

rest of the group. I haul my butt up a level. Find a new table. Unpack my things. Now I'm sitting across from girls looking at shoes and discussing what colour they should buy and if they will go with that purse she just bought. Can you chatty-Cathys PLEASE find somewhere new to sit and leave me alone!?

Sincerely,

Go back to the Concourse

Dear Life,

They fixed the door to N1002. Sincerely,
Starved for entertainment

Dear Life,

Why do girls always seem to lead guys on? Like a roller coaster that doesn't stop or a zig zag line. Girls just tell guys the honest truth. It's not cool to lie. Sincerely,
Severely Confused

Dear Life,

Hey Mr. Chatterbox on Friday's lecture, nobody cares (including the professor) that you ate cantaloup last night and your friend said you were going to die because of listeria. Let's just try to get through this 3 hr. lecture on Friday as fast as possible and not contribute pointless stories. Sincerely,
The definition of lecture is "educational talk to an audience." No audience participation needed!

Dear Life,

Someone really needs to inform incoming students that university includes homework, and that you have to work to obtain your degree. So don't whine about doing 3 hours of review/homework for every 1 hour you spend in class. I'd happily take 3 hours over the 14 hours I'm expected to put in for every 1 hour of studio instruction I receive. Would you like to switch? Oh, might affect

your social life and sleep schedule? Tough. I hear McDonalds is hiring, though.

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Steve Jobs's immeasurable impact cannot be denied

In the space of innovators and entrepreneurs who have transformed the way people go about their lives, Apple co-founder Steve Jobs ranks among the most influential, talented and forward-looking thinkers of our generation.

Not only did he personally contribute to the founding of one of the world's first commercially successful computers, but he also committed to developing technology that transformed the way we think about human interaction. From the iPhone to the iPod and now the iPad, Jobs's first priority was ensuring that people were at the centre of this technology.

His brilliance and visionary approach rivaled that of the most transformative innovators of our time — arguably a Thomas Edison-like figure of the modern age. Regardless of one's personal affinity for the company or its products, one cannot deny the revolutionary impact Jobs made.

In recent years, though, critics have suggested that Apple has engaged in questionable ethical and legal practices at its offshore factories, under Jobs's leadership. One such instance is a company called Foxconn in Taiwan, one of Apple's largest suppliers. The company has been accused of "militant and inhumane" treatment, using child labour, breaching China's already-lax employment standards and the illegal dumping of hazardous materials.

The allegations leveled against Apple during Jobs's tenure as CEO will likely have a negligible impact on his legacy. Perhaps it is easier to remember Jobs as the technological pioneer that he was.

And for now, that's what we should do — we should pay homage to the man whose presence can easily be felt in our everyday lives. One need look no further than the sea of MacBooks and iPhones in every lecture hall to see that.

Yet, when the tributes are finished being penned and Apple moves into a post-Jobs era, one cannot help but wonder who will take the reigns of the next chapter of technological advancement. One can only hope that they capture the brilliance of Jobs while recognizing that he, like each and every one of us, was imperfect.

—The Cord Editorial Board

Issues with Terrace workers require attention

The transition of the Terrace food court from the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) to private operator, Aramark, has been comprised of a rocky series of events. There is plenty of blame to go around with WLUSU and Aramark both holding responsibility for the issues.

First and foremost, the lack of communication between Aramark and student employees adds an additional layer of stress that students simply don't need. These issues should have been addressed early in the summer before the school year began, ensuring that the transition phase was largely complete when fall arrived.

The fact that students have not been initially employed in Spring Rolls is another unfortunate sticking point. While it's understandable that the nature of the business is different, this could also have been addressed with adequate foresight — completing the project earlier and bringing students in sooner to get trained at the new business.

While WLUSU's agreement with Aramark stipulates that 75 per cent of the workers must be students, WLUSU cannot yet confirm whether Aramark is meeting that. This needs to be rectified immediately. Students were promised that the shift to Aramark would be beneficial to them — they deserve to know the full details of the transition.

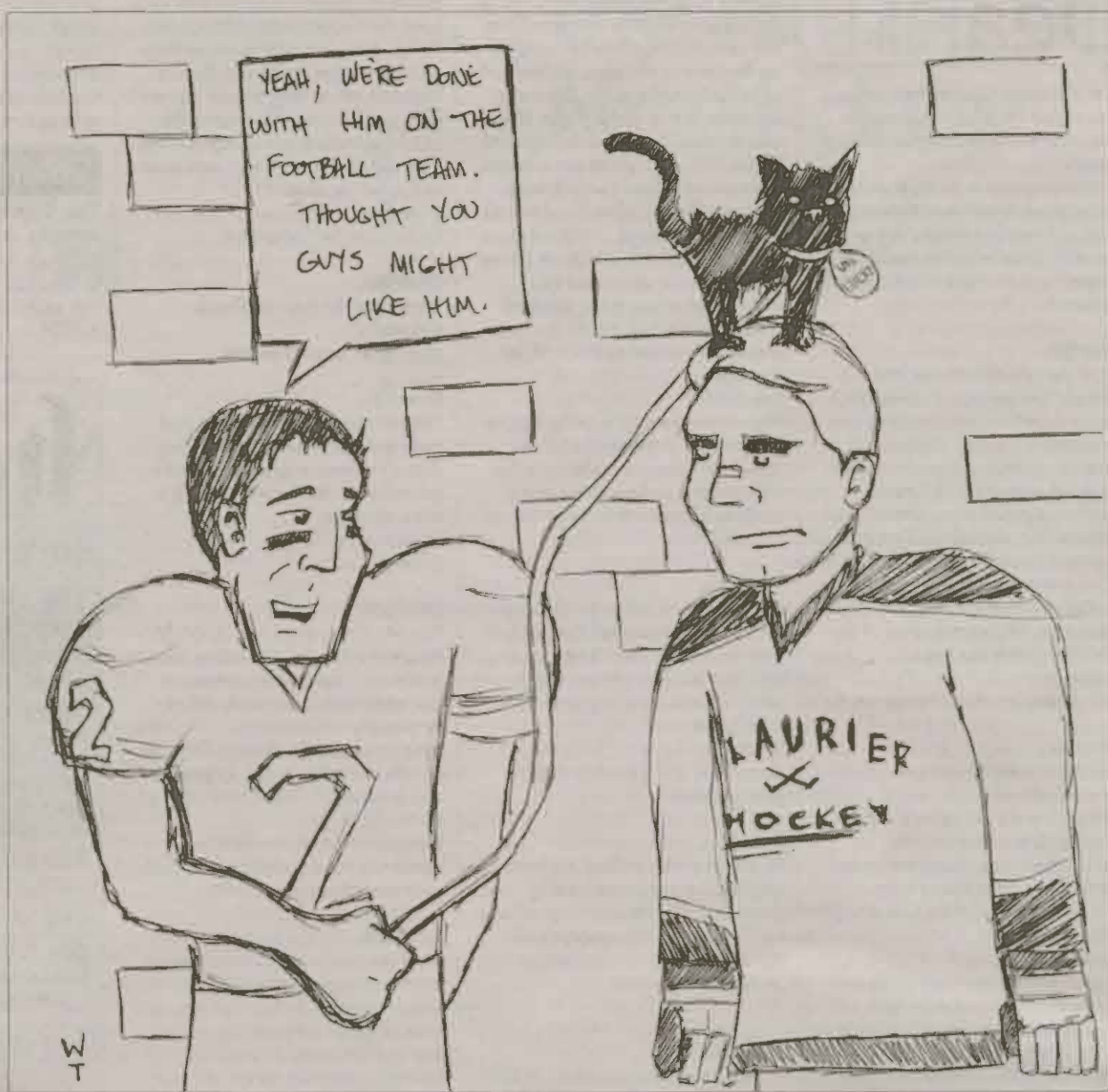
Workers are now considering unionization. Without an improvement in communication and a better relationship with Aramark, they would be fully justified in seeking that support.

Even though WLUSU is not directly overseeing the Terrace anymore, they need to demonstrate that they still support student workers and provide assistance to Aramark in whatever capacity they require.

—The Cord Editorial Board

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Green party offers substandard candidates in recent election



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The Ontario Green party produced terrible results this recent provincial election across the board, earning a mere 3.9 per cent of the vote province-wide. Blame can obviously be placed on policies and affairs, but how inadequately does a party have to perform before some blame is directed toward local candidates? Sure a platform can be weak compared to another more established political party and not every aspect of a platform can be fully costed or completely problem free, but it is the responsibility of the representatives to pick up some of the slack and show confidence in what they are supposedly supporting for our province.

In Kitchener-Waterloo, the Green party candidate J.D. McGuire was a particular instance of this general party disappointment. He even created his own self-fulfilling prophecy when he announced to a room full of potential voters, "I'm a realist, and I'm pretty certain that the Greens aren't going to form a government on Oct. 6." Yes, he really did say that. I mean, let's be realistic, the chances of the Green party forming a government on election day was extremely unlikely, but it is his political party. He was not just voting for them, he was representing them.

Being one of the rare K-W residents who paid attention to this past provincial election, I actually did go out and attend candidate meetings (multiple times even) to see what potential MPPs had to offer. Between the phone conversation with McGuire and the two all-candidate meetings I attended, my opinion of this

Green candidate went from, "maybe he's just having a rocky start," to "oh, maybe it's just an off night for him," to "really, McGuire? Really?"

His comments just progressively worsened over time. When asked at a campus forum about women and women's rights if elected, McGuire responded, "I'm married, I have a wife and I still don't understand women." I'm sure all the women in attendance really appreciated that heart-felt response about their livelihoods and general existence. When asked at another forum by a local high school student what he would do to help stop bullying, he responded, "I don't know that we have a specific policy on that. So what I can offer is as an MPP, I would definitely support any legislation that made sense." Well he may not know what to do specifically, but as long as a potential solution makes sense, then he's all for it.

The thing is, I was never a Green party voter myself, but I still respected their ideas. I thought their initiatives towards the environment were noble, and the rest of their platform ideas were commendable, I would just never expect them to be strong political leaders if elected. And I'll also admit that this opinion was founded on very limited research on background information into Green party specifics.

However, earlier this year I had the opportunity to speak with Cathy MacLellan, the federal Green party candidate for K-W and I was blown away. She had strong responses, an extensive knowledge on a variety of issues — extending far past the environment — and most of all, she had faith in her party. Never once did she say she had no hope of winning the federal election. Even if she was thinking it, I never got that impression. From talking with MacLellan, I felt at least a little more confident in the Green party because she was confident in her party.

The worst instance of what can only be called incompetence was at the

all-candidates meeting held at Wilfrid Laurier University on Sept. 22, a tweeted question was posed to each representative: Who is your favourite Canadian?

McGuire's response: "I don't know that many great Canadians."

I'll admit, the other responses weren't exactly extraordinary themselves, with answers ranging from the late Jack Layton to MPP Elizabeth Witmer's own father, but at least they had answers. At least when asked during a Canadian political debate, they could name one person who inspired them in their lives. McGuire couldn't even manage that.

What the Green party needs is candidates like MacLellan who actually seem to care about their party and the policies they represent.

McGuire's performance reaped what he sowed, with getting only 2.6 per cent of the votes in K-W. To put this into perspective, the Conservative party got 43.4 per cent and the Independent representative got .64 per cent.

But I suppose McGuire said it best himself in his closing statement at the all-candidates meeting held at RIM Park back on Sept. 19, "I don't know everything, my memory is terrible. I don't have the platform memorized, I could read it for days on end without sleeping and I would never memorize it. I'm not afraid to admit I don't know something."

This is just one example of a disappointing Green party representative, which appeared to be the trend in this election.

Again, none of the Green candidates did well in the province overall, yet, more should have been expected of them after the successful growth in the federal Green party with its leader being elected as MP in the spring.

Ontario's Green party should make a point of finding stronger, inspiring candidates who are well-versed in the party's politics and can engage voters across the province in the next election if they want to have sustained longevity in the coming years.

Laurier's reputation seriously at risk



GAVIN BROCKETT
COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR

Since I arrived here in 2005 I have been a proud part of the Wilfrid Laurier University community, confident that indeed we are "inspiring lives of leadership and purpose" as this year's Laurier centenary celebrations have emphasized.

Recently I received in my mailbox the colourful and attractive publication "100 Years" that the university has produced. I also returned from a productive sabbatical abroad energized by my research and eager to step back into the classroom and to share my own learning with students.

However the year away has enabled me to gain a valuable perspective on life at Laurier. Sadly there is a growing discrepancy between the message that the administration promotes and the reality that students and faculty experience on a daily basis.

Yes there is a century of learning associated with our institution, even if Laurier itself is comparatively new. Certainly we have an impressive administration with more vice presidents than some departments have faculty. To be sure ancillary services at Laurier are impressive. No doubt our O-week is among the best in the country, our residences are cutting edge and our commitment to accessible learning is impressive.

Yet at the same time the academic integrity of the university would seem to be under threat. In recent years faculty have challenged the culture of cuts that has become the norm. Now students too are becoming increasingly aware of the impact of these decisions on the education for which they ultimately came here.

In my own faculty of arts, the relentless focus on the bottom line has meant not only that class sizes have grown, but also that small classes which encourage closer professor-student interaction increasingly are suspect. If the university really is committed to preparing our students for the future then it must demonstrate that it values the learning that takes place in such intimate environments.

What possible explanation can there be for the fact that this year, the more than twenty students hoping to enroll in third-year Arabic had to fight to ensure that the course would go ahead? Just how many students have to sign up to make a language course viable for the administration? This is compounded by the fact that Arabic is a discipline in which small classes are essential for effective learning.

At the same time, students now face the reality that small programs are being cut as are the number of courses taught by contract academic staff. Small programs offer students the opportunity to explore areas of learning that truly interest them and that draw on the expertise of the faculty.

Surely these only attract students to the university.

Our rich pool of part-time instructors mean that students have a much wider variety of courses

available to them. That too is positive. Instead, as these classes are no longer offered, students find that they cannot find the courses they need to graduate in four years. The consequence? Another year, more debt.

Among the faculty (in arts at least) morale has never been lower in my time here. As faculty we face tremendous pressure couched in what we perceive to be an increasingly negative message from the administration. From our limited perspective it is difficult for us to understand just what the administration's intentions are.

Yet it is not difficult to reach the conclusion that we are inadequate in almost every area. Our research isn't adequate. We are not teaching enough classes. We are not teaching enough students. We are not teaching effectively enough.

My sense is that the administration has bought into the attitudes towards post-secondary education that prevail in our society today. Education itself is severely undervalued.

Everywhere we go we are told that a university degree must prepare students for future employment. The failure of young graduates to find lucrative full-time work is frequently attributed to universities — and their faculty — as though the global economic crisis doesn't have any impact at all.

On the contrary, we must stand up for the value of learning, not just of preparing students for a specific career. If we really are about inspiring lives of leadership and purpose, then Laurier must invest much more in the very core of the experience — the student-professor relationship

in the classroom.

As professors we are committed to this. We thrive on communicating our love of learning to new generations. Each interaction with a student is worthwhile and meaningful. We spend hours engaged in this part of our work, often to the point of taking evenings and weekends to prepare for class, grade papers and engage in our own research. Being a professor is more a lifestyle than a job. We do not think about the costs as long as we enjoy the work and feel that our efforts are valued.

Two weeks ago The Cord reported on a faculty of arts meeting at which we discussed raising the average grade required of entering students. At 72 per cent, our entrance requirements are apparently the lowest in the province. This is significantly

lower even than what is required down the road at our sister university known not for its arts program but for its leadership in mathematics and science.

We are, as the dean informed us, "Last Chance U." My own heart sank when I learned this reality. The administration's decision to consistently lower entrance requirements so as to bring in more students in order to pay our bills has finally caught up with us. There must be a better way.

What is more dispiriting is the reality that if things do not change, we will no longer be only Last Chance U. Laurier will also be Last Choice U. For students and for faculty.

Gavin Brockett is an associate professor in Laurier's history department.

The value of diversity

Opinion Columnist **Bree Borsellino** speaks to the value of knowing more than one language in a multicultural society



BREE BORSSELLINO
OPINION COLUMNIST

Thanksgiving Day, to many, is a time to be shared with the family. I spent this past Sunday with my family back in my hometown. I had a bit of a frustration this weekend, though. Coming from an Italian background on my father's side, it's sometimes difficult to try to talk to my nonna (grandmother) because she speaks very little English.

The two of us have had this struggle in communication for as long as I can remember, and a lot of the time it can be very frustrating for both of us.

My nonna was born and raised in Sicily, an island just off of Italy, and she moved here when she was in her early 30s — learning only the basics of the English language.

Of the nine children she had, only two were born in Sicily; the rest were born when she moved to Canada. Amongst the seven that were born here was my father. I was born when my father was 35. Although he spoke the language he was brought up with towards me, I had always answered him in English.

As I look back on it now, it seems strange to me why I had never learned to speak Italian.

When I looked around on Sunday

at my entire family speaking a different language I could understand them, but I couldn't fulfill my desire to join in with them. This is why I think the importance of bilingualism and multilingualism should be more stressed in and among families.

According to Susan Munroe, quoting from the 2001 *Census Statistics on Languages in Canada*, "nine out of ten people in Canada still speak either the English or French languages at home ... Only ten per cent spoke a language other than English or French at home, compared to 18 per cent who reported another language as their mother tongue."

Due to Canada being known for its multiculturalism, this fact is astonishing.

It suggests that many people whose native language is different from English or French do not speak it on a daily basis. It makes me all the more interested in learning Italian.

My dad was raised with the Italian culture, Sicilian "slang" being his first language (slang because it's neither proper nor close to Italian). But of course living in Canada — and English being one of the official languages — he learned to speak the way everyone else did.

He continued with the Canadian way of living outside his home and went back to Italian inside his home.

I guess that Canadian way took its stance in his life as the dominant culture to which he would live the rest of his life.

Seeing myself, and my other

siblings, as the result of Canada's powerful influence on my father makes me feel regretful for not having the desire to learn my culture's language earlier on. I see the look of disappointment on my nonna's face when I tell her I don't understand, and I recognize her pain to watch her grandchildren rejecting their Italian heritage.

I'm currently taking the Italian course here at Wilfrid Laurier University and I hope to complete the entire four years of courses that are offered.

Though the language I'm currently learning is not the same as the one my nonna uses, she will understand what I say.

It's my decision to make the effort to learn a completely different language that makes her so happy. I feel that if English is anyone's first language, they too should attempt to learn the language of their cultural background.

Cultural diversity is important — especially in Canada, where acceptance is practiced readily.

English is the most difficult language to learn, but since most of us have already learned it, why not try our luck with another one?

If those of you who want to learn a different language have relatives that speak it themselves, then I'd encourage you to stick with it and perhaps one day surprise them.

The looks of happiness my whole family gives me really shows me that I'm making them proud — and that I made the right decision to pursue my cultural heritage.

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Point • Counter-point: Safe injection sites

The Supreme Court of Canada recently ruled against attempts to close safe injection sites. **Alex Reinhart** agrees with the court's decision while **Hayden Starczala** takes issue with it. Which side are you on?



ALEX REINHART
OPINION COLUMNIST

Supervised injection sites are beneficial to both those who use them, as well as the communities in which they reside. The Supreme Court of Canada recently ruled against the Conservative government's attempt to close Vancouver's supervised injection site, providing an extraordinary victory for the continued use of these facilities.

The issue of supervised injections facilities has been largely debated in recent years. First instituted under the Liberal government in 2003, Vancouver's facility (the only one of its kind in North America) was exempt from federal drug laws. In 2008, the Conservative government initiated attempts to close the site. Despite their efforts, the British Columbia Supreme Court and the British Columbia Court of Appeal ruled in favour of the facility. The ruling by the Supreme Court of Canada has, for now, ended the

Conservative's crusade against safe injection.

Now you may be asking yourself, why would the government allow money to be spent on a supervised injection system? The answer is surprisingly simple. Supervised injection sites help everyone: the drug users, those in the surrounding community and taxpayers.

Firstly, safe injection sites provide drug users with security. These sites provide clean, sterilized needles and pipes for users. In doing so, these centres help to eliminate the spread of HIV and other blood-transmitted diseases.

Secondly, safe injection sites save lives as overdoses are a common

occurrence amongst drug users.

Safe injection facilities provide trained professionals who know how to deal with such cases. In the over 1,500 overdose cases occurring on Insite's watch, there have been no deaths.

Thirdly, safe injection sites benefit those in the surrounding community. By getting drug use off the streets, these sites remove needles and other dangerous paraphernalia from public view.

It also seeks to decrease the prevalence of "street-drug culture." By taking drug addicts into centres like Insite, trained professionals can focus on rehabilitation, ensuring that these addicts are not spending time

on the streets.

Finally, safe injection sites benefit the taxpayers. Many people would argue that taxpayers are simply subsidizing drug use and that this is a waste of money. This argument is incredibly short sighted. While there is a portion of the healthcare budget which goes towards safe injection sites, in reality it is a small price to pay.

The purchase of a needle is relatively little, whereas the treatment for blood transmitted diseases costs taxpayers much more.

In the long term, safe injection sites are a preventative measure, not a burden.

Those who oppose safe injection

sites will argue that they do little to help drug users and simply facilitate drug users.

This is misguided. In 2007, the Vancouver facility collaborated with a nearby detox facility. In 2010, this clinic provided nearly 500 drug users with the necessary treatment to kick the habit, providing them with a new chance at life.

In addition to this, another 5,000 referrals were made to other various social and health agencies.

There seems to be a sentiment amongst the Conservatives that punishment is the right way to deal with drug users — that punitive measures outweigh rehabilitative ones. Still, I'm not willing to give up on these Canadians.

I would rather pay more taxes to help them shed their drug habits in a safe way instead of increasing the probability that they will die a slow, painful death from HIV.

The verdict handed down from the Supreme Court should be a message to all provinces stating that supervised injection clinics are beneficial to everyone.

I hope cities like Toronto and Montreal take advantage of this verdict and quickly open additional clinics for the good of the users, the community and the taxpayers.



STEPHANIE TROUNG GRAPHICS ARTIST



HAYDEN STARCZALA
OPINION COLUMNIST

When the Supreme Court ruled in favour of Insite on Sept. 30, it chose to favour a misguided approach to helping those with addiction. I appreciate the fact that the court was trying to do what was best for addicts, but the decision is not beneficial in caring for heroin addicts.

For the addict, assistance is needed to get off of heroin and stay clean. Some of the services available from Insite do offer these things, but these services were not being challenged by the government. Rather, the government was trying to enforce a pre-existing law that would forbid Insite from allowing addicts to shoot heroin on their premises, a program that Insite uses on the

grounds that it is safer than unsupervised injections.

While taking a shot of heroin under medical supervision is safer than doing so unsupervised, it should not be encouraged. Instead of turning a blind eye while addicts feed their addictions, we should actually do something about it, such as using the criminal court system to force them to detoxify and seek further treatment. As Canadian lawyer Gwen Landolt has noted, Sweden's courts force addicts to undergo treatment and their program has been successful in minimizing drug-related problems in society. Imitating the Swedes might be a better proposition than just letting people do their drugs.

The Supreme Court's

endorsement of safe injection sites could have negative consequences for the rest of Canada since similar facilities may begin to open outside of Vancouver. Doing so could attract more addicts and crime to those cities hosting injection sites — a fear that some local authorities, such as Ottawa's police chief, have expressed.

Furthermore, people may begin to take the philosophy of accommodating addicts for their safety to its logical extreme by providing heroin to them.

This may seem unlikely, but after the Supreme Court decision, Dr. Julio Montaner, director of the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, remarked that a program of heroin distribution ought to be

given serious consideration on the grounds that it will ensure that addicts have safer heroin.

If it is legitimate for Insite, which receives funding from the provincial government in British Columbia, to provide the means with which one can inject heroin (such as needles and facilities), why stop them from giving addicts the substance they want to inject?

If risk reduction justifies the way Insite accommodates addicts now, then there seems to be little reason to suppose that it would be wrong for them to provide untainted heroin.

All supporters of Insite who recognize that it is wrong for the government to allow, or even subsidize, heroin distribution to addicts, ought

to ask why they support some forms of accommodation but not others.

Finally, those who think that Insite's controversial program has been effective based on the reports cited by the Supreme Court should note that such studies are not universally accepted. REAL Women of Canada and the Drug Prevention Network critiqued a study done by supporters of Insite that claimed that deaths caused by overdose decreased by over one-third between 2001 and 2007.

The critique, however, exposed that in 2001, there was an unusually high amount of heroin in Vancouver and that there was an increase in deaths caused by overdose between 2002 and 2007 (Insite opened in 2003). This raises questions as to how much of a role Insite actually played in reducing overdose deaths.

The Supreme Court has adopted a false sense of compassion and is using it to support a program that does not care for addicts but one that is actually destructive to Canadian communities.

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Religion no substitute for reason

Dale and Shannon Hickman sparked controversy when they decided against bringing their sick baby to the hospital, opting instead to pray for him at home. **James Formosa** argues that this is a prime example of why freedom of belief is an illusion.



JAMES FORMOSA
OPINION COLUMNIST

The case of Dale and Shannon Hickman is a tragically relevant example of the results of unsubstantiated beliefs being carried out to severely unfortunate conclusions. In 2009, Shannon gave birth to a three-pound baby boy at their Oregon home. While they both thought he looked healthy, his condition took a turn for the worst. Instead of taking him to a hospital, Dale held him and prayed for him. The baby died at home.

The Hickmans did not escape justice per se; they have been convicted of manslaughter for an astonishing level of negligence. Unfortunately this is only one of several similar cases to have appeared in recent years; all stand as a clear testament not only to the illusion that is "freedom of belief," but to its moral repugnance as well.

When I say that we do not have unrestricted "freedom" of belief, I should care to explain that we are never "free" from the consequences of our beliefs. Our beliefs inform our actions and our most sincere beliefs about the nature of reality. They will lead to either human flourishing, if true, or a much more tragic outcome, if false.

The Hickmans, for example, believed in the power of prayer and followed the doctrine of their church which abhorred any and all forms of modern medicine.

These two beliefs — of the efficacy of prayer in concert with rejecting medical science — proved to be a tragic and deadly combination.

On the one hand, the power of prayer has never been categorically demonstrated — even organizations like the Templeton Foundation which have tried to scientifically prove that prayer works (to support their own religious bias) have repeatedly discovered that praying for someone's healing is just about as effective as doing nothing at all.

In contrast, the benefits of the last few centuries of advancements in medical science are so powerful and varied that they could never be properly summed up in this article — that is, the efficacy of medical science is demonstrable.

The Hickmans' child could have lived but he died due to complications that have regularly been treated at hospital at a nearly 100 per cent rate of success.

The Hickmans can never escape the consequences of their beliefs now; they let their child die when he could easily have been treated in a hospital and they must have known that modern medicine works. They just thought that prayer was better. I think it should be clear just how wrong they were.

In this world we are not absolutely free to believe whatever we want precisely for the kinds of consequences described above. The

Reason and evidence are the only adequate tools each of us has at our disposal for determining what is really true in the world; blind faith amounts to a rejection of intellectual honesty and reason in favour of choosing what you want to be true on a whim.

potential for causing undue harm and misery to others (especially to innocents) is simply too great. I have no doubts that the Hickmans sincerely believed in what they were doing on that day when they rejected a medical approach to saving their son.

They put their religion above common sense, their belief in God above a belief in proven medical

science.

While they are free to believe in whatever they wish, they failed to consider the ultimate well-being of their child.

Sure, they were convicted for their crime of negligence, but truly their greatest crime was that of wilful ignorance which developed to a deadly level.

They made their choice with the same knowledge any other person living in the 21st century has about the effectiveness of medical science; they rejected reason and evidence in favour of blind faith.

Reason and evidence are the only adequate tools each of us has at our disposal for determining what is really true in this world; blind faith amounts to a rejection of intellectual honesty and reason in favour of choosing what you want to be true on a whim.

Canada should set an example for the United States here: that we no longer let the unfounded (and dangerous) religious superstition of parents get in the way of saving the lives of their children.

We value their right to live much more highly than the right of their parents to impose their unreasonable beliefs upon others.

If being free to believe anything you want about the nature of reality (in spite of evidence to the contrary) means that your beliefs will lead to self-harm or the harming of others, then you should absolutely not be free to believe whatever you choose on faith.

And I think that would be a damn good thing, for all our sakes.



You know what yanks my Cord ...

... religious fanatics.

I know. I know. There are plenty of nice, liberal-minded religious people out there. This is not about them. This is about the people who cry offence when they don't get things their way. Freedom of religion only seems to apply when it's their religion, which is of course the one true religion. If you've ever had a debate with these religious fascists, you know what I am talking about.

There is no other legitimate point of view other than their own because they have God on their side. And not surprisingly God seems to agree with everything they believe in. It's not just they who hate "the gays." God hates them too. Though, they would probably phrase it as hating the sinful gay lifestyle that gays choose. Nevertheless, I think there may be some ambiguity in who made whom in whose image.

But, then again there is a lot of cherry-picking or should I say interpretation of scripture that goes on. They have an interesting mix-and-match approach to their beliefs. Unfortunately, that sort of relativism runs into problems. The result is that hypocrisy gets taken to new levels. They are against abortion because they believe oh so much in the sanctity of life. But, on the other hand they are so riled up for the death penalty that you'd think they would volunteer to be the executioner. Don't be fooled. These religious fanatics don't believe in God. They want to be God. Their faith is not a private affair — it's a political tool.

— Andrew Chai



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Stumbling out of the gate

SHAYNE MCKAY
CORD SPORTS

A leftover bitter taste from their 1-3 pre-season record had the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks' men's hockey team (0-2-0) pumped and ready to go for their season opening game against the Nipissing Lakers on Oct. 7 at the Waterloo Memorial Recreational Complex.

But it couldn't save them from their first defeat, a 5-4 loss to the Lakers followed by a 3-1 loss to the Ottawa Gee-Gees on Saturday.

Friday's game got off to a fast-paced start with both teams coming out aggressively. Four penalties against Nipissing in the first period gave Laurier two separate two-man advantages leading to a goal by Kain Allicock.

Early in the second, forward Mitch Lebar received a beautiful pass from Mitchell Good on a two-on-one rush to net his first goal as a Hawk. James Marsden followed up less than a minute later to give the Golden Hawks a three-goal lead.

But by this point, a spark ignited in Nipissing, as they scored four unanswered goals in the second period

and the game winner with just over two minutes left in the third frame to secure the 5-4 win.

A brief fight with 1:25 left concluded what was an intense game between the two teams.

Ryan Daniels still managed to come away with 31 saves and is showing promise towards another outstanding year.

"If it wasn't for Daniels, the score could've been a lot worse," said manager and head coach Greg Puhalski. "We're not happy with our competitiveness right now and the way we were playing," added Puhalski.

"We need to string together some good practices for next week and get back to basics doing the simple things well."

Laurier was also outshot 36 to 23 and finished with a dismal 1-9 on the power play.

James Marsden and Kain Allicock both finished the game with a goal and assist to take the lead on the Golden Hawks' offence.

Puhalski also added, "It wasn't a good start and we've got a lot of work to do. Two teams outshot us, outworked us and outthrustled us on



TREVOR MAHONEY LAURIER ATHLETICS
Hawks' goalie Ryan Daniels misses a shot versus Nipissing Friday.

our own rink and that is something we will have to address."

Despite their powerful opening, the Golden Hawks just couldn't hold on to that fire for the rest of the game.

The team will look to reduce turnovers and take better advantage of the power play as the regular season is now underway.

After coming in strong for the first period for the second game in a row, Laurier also failed to secure a win against the Ottawa Gee-Gees on Saturday.

The team will hope to change their fortunes during their next two road games in Quebec against Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières Friday and Concordia Saturday.

Sports in brief

Men's Soccer revives record

The Laurier men's squad beat Western 2-1 and UOIT 4-1 last week to improve their record to 4-5-3. They sit in the sixth and final playoff spot.

Successful lacrosse weekend

Laurier's women's lacrosse team defeated Toronto, Queen's and UOIT,

but lost to Western last Saturday and Sunday. The team's record sits at 6-3.

Women's rugby fails to make playoffs

Laurier's women's rugby team concluded their season with a 44-0 loss to Brock and finish 0-5 on the year. The team hasn't made the post-season since 2005 when they lost in the quarterfinals to the Brock Badgers.

Men's rugby moves to 2-3

The Waterloo Warriors men's rugby team lost to the 15-14 to the Golden Hawks on Friday. The Hawks host RMC on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Baseball Hawks end season with 3 wins

Laurier's boys of summer defeated McMaster twice last weekend and rounded out the season with an 11-6 win over Queen's. They now face the

league-leading Brock Badgers in the OUA semi-finals at 3 p.m. on Friday at Bechtel Park.

Women's hockey starts 2-0

Rachel Hamilton stopped every shot but one in both Laurier's 2-1 win over Western and 4-1 win over Windsor. Caitlin Muirhead and Laura Brooker each had two goals to start the year. Vanessa Schabkar and Abby Raiunsberry added singles.

GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of
Oct. 11 - Oct. 16, 2011

REGULAR SEASON

10.05.11
M Basketball 3 - Western 8
M Basketball 1 - Western 3
W Soccer 3 - Western 0
M Soccer 2 - Western 1

10.06.11
M Basketball 94 - St. Lawrence 19
M Football 184 - Windsor 3
M Soccer 4 - UOIT 1

10.07.11
M Basketball 80 - UOIT 67
M Basketball 12 - McMaster 4
M Basketball 7 - McMaster 3
M Hockey 4 - Nipissing 5
W Hockey 0 - Brock 12
M Hockey 19 - Waterloo 11

10.08.11
M Basketball 80 - Concordia 75
M Basketball 11 - Queen's 6
W Hockey 2 - Windsor 1
M Hockey 1 - Ottawa 3
W Football 10 - Toronto 2
W Lacrosse 9 - Queen's 7

REVENUE HOME GAMES

10.12.11
M Basketball vs. Windsor
Athletic Complex, 7:00 p.m.

10.14.11 to 11
OUA Basketball Championship
Bechtel Park

10.14.11
M Basketball vs. Brock
Bechtel Park, 3:00 p.m.

10.15.11
M Football vs. McMaster
University Stadium, 1:00 p.m.
M Basketball vs. Mercyhurst
Athletic Complex, 5:00 p.m.

10.16.11
M Rugby vs. RMC
University Stadium, 1:00 p.m.
W/M Soccer vs. Windsor
Athletic Field, 12:30 p.m.

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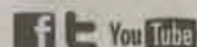
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Hawks prevail in battle of Waterloo

KEVIN CAMPBELL
SPORTS EDITOR

It seems, finally, that the dark days of the season are well behind the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks.

And good riddance, says head coach Gary Jeffries.

"We just wanted to execute," said the coach. "That's the best running performance we've had this year by far and that bodes well for the future."

Last Thursday's 69-3 demolition of the neighbouring Waterloo Warriors (0-6) seemed to have been just what the doctor ordered for a team, which three weeks ago was ailing on all fronts.

Now, with two games remaining in the eight-game schedule, the Hawks (3-3) are looking more like the perennial contenders that the

prognosticators had them pegged for at the start of the year.

Quarterback Shane Kelly leads the nation in yards gained with 1,902 and 20 touchdowns in six games.

Before his injury, Anton Bennett emerged as the team's threat at tailback, rushing for 280 yards in five games.

Shamawd Chambers has 486 yards receiving on 27 catches and five touchdowns.

Mitchell Bosch, Sam Aird and Dan Bishop have led a rejuvenated defensive effort, which has limited its opponents to just 19 points in the Hawks' past two games.

And Dillon Heap, the record-breaking focal-point all year, has evolved to become the heart of this team's leadership, special teams, and offence.

Kelly's offence has been firing on all cylinders after firing blanks for their school's tumultuous three-game losing streak that had students and alumni in a frenzy.

But Jeffries never swayed from his message, the team will find itself, and it will find itself in time.

The Hawks find themselves in sixth-place in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA), and will try to take down the second-place McMaster Marauders (5-1) this Saturday.

But last week's victory didn't belong to those aforementioned veterans, although Chambers and runningback Rashad La Touche found the end zone twice.

Retiring after three quarters of labour, the first-stringers took to the benches and the second-stringers came out against a Waterloo team which had been completely shut down all game long.

And the new kids were alright.

First years Karsten Beney, Ashton Rochester and Tyrrel Wilson all scored their first university touchdowns within five minutes of each other to end the game.

"The guys tonight, that don't have the chance to play that often, we all came out here and played great," said the Oakville-raised Rochester. "It feels great, I mean from the time I got on the bus to when I got the word I would be dressing, it was exciting."

"I saw the ball in the air, and I was just drooling," said the hometown boy, Beney. "In my mind, I had to catch this one... When you get a touchdown yourself, it feels great



ROSALIE EID PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Mitchell Bosch completes a tackle in the Hawks' 69-3 win.



ROSALIE EID PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Felix Odum breaks through a sea of Warriors last Thursday night.

but when you see a fellow rookie get one too, it's unreal."

The Hawks' depth is becoming a factor in games down the stretch. Alex Anthony, the third-year receiver has returned to help shoulder the load between Chambers and fellow receivers Mark Surya and Russ Jirgens.

Kicker Ronnie Pfeffer has performed admirably in Nathan Hawkes' absence from a leg sprain.

Backup quarterback Steven Fantham has found the end zone a couple times during the few occasions

he's seen the field.

And even Heap, the elusive punt-returner, has his own sidekick in Felix Odum, who has proven to be just as difficult to bring down as Heap on most days.

But a date with the Marauders looms, and McMaster is a more formidable opponent than Ottawa or Waterloo. The game starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

"We're certainly looking forward to it," said Jeffries. "It'll be a big game. We want to take another step forward."

Parallels exist between Hawks, Phillies



CHRIS MANDER
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes, university baseball can eerily mirror the goings-on of the major leagues. The Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks and the Philadelphia Phillies are two such teams that share a few uncanny idiosyncrasies.

Coming into the Major League Baseball (MLB) season, there was no team more highly touted than the Phillies.

They had the best pitching staff in baseball, led by reigning Cy Young winner Roy Halladay and prized free agent Cliff Lee.

The Phillies also boasted former Cy Young winner Roy Oswalt and former World Series most valuable player, Cole Hamels.

Many people thought that their pitching was to be one of the best rotations seen in the majors in years, comparing them to the Oakland A's now-famous trio of Barry Zito, Tim Lincecum and Mark Mulder, or the Braves' own trio of John Smoltz, Tom Glavine and Greg Maddux.

But there were concerns raised, and those concerns proved to be valid. Philadelphia lacked offensive consistency, and players like Jimmy Rollins were past their prime, while perennial-home-run hitter Ryan Howard continued to strikeout too much.

These issues continued for most of the season but the Phillies still managed to win a major league-best 102 games while running away with the National League East division title mainly behind the arms of their starting pitchers.

But a microcosm of the Phillies struggles came in game five of their first-round series against the St. Louis Cardinals this past Friday.

They sent Halladay to the mound and could not ask for more out of him. He pitched eight innings allowing only one run.

Then the Phillies' struggles came into play as they were totally shut down by Cardinals' ace Chris Carpenter, who pitched a complete game shutout.

Just like that, the Phillies promising season that saw them as a legitimate World Series contender came to an end.

Laurier's baseball team shares some similarities with the Phillies.

Those who follow the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) know that coming into the 2011 season, the Golden Hawks were one of the favoured teams to win the entire league and move on to nationals.

Like the Phillies, they have strong pitching, with a legitimate staff ace in the form of Brett Van Pelt. The rest of their rotation is also impressive, with the likes of first-year Jordan Patruska and veteran Jack Malone.

Like the Phillies, they have home field advantage throughout the playoffs, as Laurier will host the OUA championships at Bechtel Park in Waterloo this upcoming weekend.

But unfortunately, also like the Phillies, they have offensive limitations and are at times unable to score runs.

The Golden Hawks do have offensive weapons in players like Ryan Panas and freshman standout Darrell Duckett, but the team is not able to generate runs when they need them most.

On a game-by-game basis, the Golden Hawks often leave runners on base and don't provide the necessary run support for their starter. Then when they the team is down to its final out, the hitters are incapable of finding the run required.

The Phillies were the same. Game five was a prime example of this, as they were down by only a run in the bottom of the ninth inning, and with some of their franchise's best offensive weapons up at the plate, they

were unable to score a single run, with Ryan Howard being the final out of the Phillies season.

While hopefully the baseball gods give the Golden Hawks different treatment, the Phillies are now left scratching their heads and are about to embark on an off-season full of questions and potential changes.

Laurier is not going to finish with the most wins in the OUA and they will not be playing a best-of-five series in the playoffs, as the tournament format is double-elimination.

But the Hawks will face a similar problem that the Phillies did in their brief post-wseason stint.

Laurier will get good starting pitching and will limit their opponent's offence; they've done so all season. The concern is if they can capitalize on their strong pitching and win low scoring games, requiring the clutch hits when the opportunity comes.

The Phillies were unable to do so, but the Hawks may just have the necessary tools to pull it off.

Who will dethrone the Bruins next June?

The Cord's sports staff takes their pick over who will capture Lord Stanley's mug at the conclusion of the 2011-2012 season. Can Boston pull off the rare repeat, or will a new team triumph next summer?

Elizabeth Bate

Buffalo Sabres over
Chicago Blackhawks

Kevin Campbell

Washington Capitals over
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